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A HARMONY

OF THE

ESSAYS. ETC.

OF

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And after my manner, I alter ever, when I add. So that nothing is finished, till all be finished.—Letter of Sir Francis Bacon to Mr. Tobie Matthew, dated Graies Inn, Feb. 27. 1610.

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PROLOGUE.



Literature as well as Dress has its fashions, its varying modes of expressing the Taste of the day. Since printed English books have been, one kind of Subject or one Style of writing, rather than all others, has been in favour both with writers and readers : just as it was consonant with the intelligence and movements, the social, political, and religious life of the Age. This Subject or Style has maintained its pre-eminence until some change in the national life or the advent of some new strong writer has created interest in a fresh topic or occasioned delight through some new phase of expression. So that as time wore on, not only have books multiplied immensely, but the Literature has vastly increased in species, classes, and kinds of writings. To quote a few late examples. In the last century, the existing style of Essay writing was initiated by Addison and Steele ; English Romances of Travel were founded in De Foe's *Robinson Crusoe* ; our earliest modern Novels were written by Richardson, Fielding, and Goldsmith ; and Dr. Johnson compiled the first of our present recognized Dictionaries. Quite recently also, we have seen that fungus variety of Fiction—the Sensation Novel—live its day and pass away. ‘To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.’

2. Within the century since Caxton had established the use of printing in England, there had come into vogue ALLEGORICAL VERSE in Stephen Hawes' *Pastime of Pleasure*, which kind of composition had recently been revived in Spenser's *Faery Queene*. Another class of poetry, PASTORAL VERSE, had been represented by Barclay's *Egloges*, Spenser's *Shepherd's Calendar*, Lodge's *Phyllis*, Watson's *Melibæus* (in English), and Barnfield's *Affectionate Shepherd*. The Reforming spirit sometimes had used the lash of SATIRICAL VERSE, as in Roy's *Rede me and be nott wrothe*, and the many unprinted Ballad Invectives and Complaints that have come down to us. Then Classical literature had come in like a flood, and there had arisen a school of severe CRITICISM in Greek, Latin, and English, including such scholars as Sir J. Cheke, Walter Haddon, and Roger Ascham. Then there had been the almost universal habit among Gentlemen of SONNETTING, of which no one knows the entire existing remains. Then had arisen the fashion of PLAYS : Comedies first, arising out of the Miracle, Mystery, and Morality plays : afterwards Tragedy, in imitation of the Dramas of Seneca. Then had come the fashion of collecting the Sonnets and kindred verse into POETICAL MISCELLANIES. So much poetry occasioned DISCUSSIONS AND CONTROVERSIES IN THE ART OF POETRY, begun by Gascoigne and which were destined to continue, with hardly a break, beyond the time of Dryden. Soon after came up the EUPHUISTIC OR

WITTICISM ROMANCES of Lyly, Lodge, Greene and others. Lastly, Hooker had recently introduced a NEW STYLE OF PROSE in his *Ecclesiastical Polity*. Such had been the growth in variety of English Letters ; when Bacon added to it yet another form.

3. Whatever may be assigned as the causes : it is indubitable that as our Literature grew to its highest, it grew more serious. The National Mind had been in training all through the century which was now drawing to a close. Under the influence of Classical and Italian literature its rustical strength had been disciplined into a highly wrought elegance and refinement. It had become endowed with great power of imagery, and, as it were, its face had become resplendent with grace and beauty. All that was æry and blithesome had culminated in the verse of Wyatt, Surrey, Spenser, Lodge, Watson, Daniel, Barnfield, and that new poet Shakespeare, with many an other. At length came, over Writers and Readers alike, a mighty change. Strength fatiated with Gracefulness sought delight in Majesty. Thought turned from idle toys to the full consideration and the perfect expression of the highest Problems cognizant to Man : and to that great Problem, Man himself. He who will contrast the general character of the books published from the appearance of Ascham's *Toxophilus*, 1544, till the first Edition of these *Essays* in 1597, with those onward till the appearance of *Paradise Lost* in 1667 ; will readily perceive that in each period there was most excellent Strength and Cunning, but that the Spirit was different. In the former, it was the breath of *L'Allegro* ; in the latter that of *Il Penseroso*.

This being true of the whole literature it is more palpable and evident in the works of recreation. In these, the Change was, for the most part, from Poetry to Prose, from Fancy to Observation, from Imaginations of Ethereal Grace, Felicity, and Beauty to Characters and Caricatures of men as they were. We exchange Marlowe's Song

Come with me and be my Love,

for Earle's description of *A Shee-Precise Hypocrite* : and in like manner, the Sonneteers of the first period are succeeded in equal number by the Character-Writers of the second. It was precisely at this point of Change, that the Euphuistic and Italian Romances were supplanted by Essays.

4. Essays came to us from France. MICHEL, Sieur de MONTAIGNE, published the first two books of his *Essais* at Bourdeaux in 1580 ; when Bacon was about twenty years of age. Hallam speaks thus highly of their originality, as a new style of writing.

The Essays of Montaigne, the first edition of which appeared at Bordeaux in 1580, make in several respects an epoch in literature, less on account of their real importance, or the novel truths they contain, than of their influence upon the taste and the opinions of Europe. They are the first *provocatio ad populum*, the first appeal from the porch and the academy to the haunts of

busy and of idle men, the first book that taught the unlearned reader to observe and reflect for himself on questions of moral philosophy. In an age when every topic of this nature was treated systematically, and in a didactic form, he broke out without connexion of chapters, with all the digressions that levity and garrulous egotism could suggest, with a very delightful, but, at that time, most unusual rapidity of transition from seriousness to gaiety. It would be to anticipate much of what will demand attention in the ensuing century, were we to mention here the conspicuous writers who, more or less directly, and with more or less of close imitation, may be classed in the school of Montaigne; it embraces, in fact, a large proportion of French and English literature, and especially of that which has borrowed his title of Essays. *Intr. to Lit. of Europe [from 1550—1600]* ii. 169. *Ed.* 1839.

Each book of these *Essais* (the word also came to us from France) forms one of the two volumes. The chapters are shorter than they afterwards became; and there are but few quotations.

The next edition was published at Bourdeaux in 1582; *Edition seconde, reueue et augmentée*, and was contained in one volume. An edition also appeared between 1582 and 1587, but no copy of it is now known. Another edition was published at Paris in 1587. A fifth edition appeared at Paris in 1588. Montaigne died on 4 December 1592: and the last edition of his lifetime appeared at Lyons, with the date 1593. Dr. Payen tells us that "Montaigne although he says 'I add but I do not correct' he did often correct even to very light shadings of expressions." It was his custom to note these corrections and additions in the margins of his own copies. His literary fosterdaughter, Mademoiselle Marie de Jars or Jards, daughter of Guillaume de Jars, lord of Neufoi and de Gournay, and hence commonly called Mademoiselle de Gournay, incorporated these corrections and additions in first posthumous edition of 1595; which forms a principal basis for the modern critical text of Montaigne's greatest work,

5. Every excellent Author establishes a distinct section or group of literature in aftertimes, consecrated to the exposition and illustration of his Writings; which create an ever-increasing commentary through their contact with the fresh mind of successive generations. Just as we have a Chaucer, a Shakespeare, a Milton literature: so is there in France, a Montaigne literature. It may be of assistance to those who would become acquainted with this, to notice a few works through which they may obtain an entrance into it. M. J. F. Payen, M.D. has been a great worker in this field; especially in his most complete *Notice bibliographique sur Montaigne*, Paris, 1837, and his *Documents inédits, ou peu connus sur Montaigne*. Paris, 4 parts of which (250 copies only of some of them being printed,) have appeared, viz. in 1847, 1850, 1855, 1856. M. Alphonse Grün's *La vie publique de Michel Montaigne*, Paris, 1855, (criticized by Dr. Payen in Part 4 of *Documents inédits &c.*), will supply references to many of the French Writers who have written on the great Essayist of France. Two tracts likewise may not be overlooked, "*Montaigne chez lui. Visite de deux Amis à son Chateau*" by MM. E. Galey and L. Lapeyre.

Périgeux, 1861. (150 copies printed): which contains transcripts of the 54 sentences inscribed on the joists of ceiling of the Library which is situated on the second floor of the Library Tower of the Chateau. Also M. Galey's tract in continuation, *Le Fauteuil de Montaigne*, Périgeux. 1865. (200 copies printed).

6. The influence of Montaigne on some of the greatest writers in England is traced by the possession of copies of John Florio's translation of the *Essais* in English, in 1603, by our two chief poets at that time. Both copies are in the British Museum. The one, with prefs-mark C. 28. m. 8., bears on its title-page the signature of *Ben Jonson*, and a Latin note that he bought for seven *solidi* (i.e. shillings) in 1604. The other, with Prefs-mark C. 28. m. 7., has on a fly-leaf opposite the title-page, the signature *Wilm. Shakspeare*. Sir F. Madden, a very great authority, in his *Observations on an Autograph of Shakspeare*, London, 1838, states that this particular autograph "challenges and defies suspicion, and has already passed the ordeal of numerous competent examiners, all of whom have, *without a single doubt*, expressed their conviction of its genuineness," p. 6. He further adduces internal evidence from *The Tempest*, of Shakspeare's use of Florio's translation; in which he has been imitated, at a more recent date, by Monsieur V. E. P. Chasles in his *Etudes sur W. Shakspeare, Marie Stuart, et l'Aretin*. Paris. 1851.

7. Bacon knew Montaigne, not only as the great French Essayist, but also as the friend of his only full-brother, Anthony. This elder son of the Lord Keeper, Sir Nicholas Bacon, by his second wife, the Philosopher's mother, was wandering about the continent, chiefly in France, for eleven years, between 1579 and February 1592, during all the time England was rising to her highest effort in the struggle with Spain. In November 1582, within two years of the first appearance of Montaigne's *Essais*, and the year of their second edition, both at Bordeaux; Anthony Bacon came to that city, and there contracted a friendship with the Sieur de Montaigne. Without doubt this acquaintanceship resulted in these French *Essais* being early brought under Bacon's notice; and notwithstanding that their endless ramblings from the subject, so utterly distasteful to him, the novelty of the style of writing no doubt recommended itself to him: and thus he came to note down his own observations, after the method of his own genius. So that on 30 January 1597 he could say that he published them 'as they passed long agoe from my pen.'

Yet it is strange that Bacon ignores his guide. There is no allusion by him to Montaigne in these essays before 1625, under which year he will be found quoted at p. 501. When, in 1612, he was writing his dedication to Prince Henry of his second and revised Text, it pleased him to go back to antiquity for a precedent, and to find in Seneca's *Epistles to Lucilius* the prototype of the modern Essay, see p. 158.

8. At whatever date the first of these Essays were written, they were certainly preceded in *publication* by another work of like kind, which we take to be the earliest publication in the technical form of Essay-writing in our language. It is a very rare little book—for the inspection of which we are indebted to that beneficent friend of this Series, Henry Pyne, Esq.—entitled “*Remedies against Discontentment, drawen into severall Discourses from the writings of auncient Philosophers.*” By Anonymous. London. Printed for Rafe Blower. An. Do. 1596.” It was registered at Stationers’ Hall on 2 June 1596. The entry stands at the top of fol. 11. of Register C (1595-1620) as follows:—

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Secundo die Junij.

Raphe Blower and Tho: Purfoote Junior }	Entred for their copie vnder hands of Mr Hartwell and bothe the wardens a booke intituled <i>Anonymous his Remedies against discontentment.</i>	vja.
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Who ‘Anonymous’ was we have no idea. He, however, dedicated the *Remedies*, &c. to the Attorney General, Edward afterwards Sir Edward Coke, which dedication is succeeded by the following, *Anonymous to his Friend.*

You earnestlie entreated mee to sende you those small discourses you tooke view of in my studie, not longe since. You haue so great authoritie ouer me that I can not (without breaking the league of friends’ lippe) make that iust excuse vnto you, which I might vnto others. They were onely framed for mine owne priuate vse; and that is the reason I tooke no great paine, to set them forth anye better, thinking they should neuer see the light. Imagine not to find in them, those subtil questions, and profound discourses which so waightie a matter requireth. It was not my purpose to enter so farre, both in regarde of the weakenes of mine owne forces, as that I did likewise knowe well, that the auncient Philosophers haue left vnto vs many volumes of the same subiect, whose perfection I am in no wise able to imitate. But as they all with one accord doe acknowledge thus much, that wee do naturally desire to bee happie, and that there is no meanes in this world to attaine thereunto, but to bridell our affections, and to bring them vnto a sounde temper, which is the onely waye to set our mynde at rest: So did they iudge it requisite, that wee should referre all our labour, watching, and meditation to this end. And in deede it is the course which the best witts of those times, haue taken: yea not onely they who haue been guided by the obscure lighte of nature, but euen those whose thorowe faith haue been enlightened, by the cleare shining of the Sonne beames. From these faire flowers, whiche their labours haue afforded mee, I haue as I passed by, gathered this small heape, and as my time and leasure serued me, distilled them, and kept them as precious. Deeming that the lesser quantitie they they did containe, so much greater shoulde their vertue and power be. For I was long since thus perswaded, that the receiptes which wee seeke, to calme, and appease our mind with all, ought to bee gathered into the fewest words, and shortest precepts that may be, that wee may alwayes haue them about vs. Forasmuch as disquietnes, which stoppeth the passage of felicitie, and with the which we are alwaies to combate, doth for the most part take vs vnawares, and keepe vs at that bay, that if wee haue not still some short, and easie weapons about vs, which we may well handle, we should not be able to defend our selues. I doubt not but your age, and experience, hath long since provided you those that are of better mettle, better forged, and tempered. But sith that you haue a good opinion of mine, and desire to vse them (as you make me beleeeue) I do answerable to your desire send them

you. If they please you, it shalbe according to my wish : If they displease, yetisit according to your commendement. Fare you well. Yours *Anonimus*.

'The Discourfes conteyned in this Booke' are as follows:—

1. *Howe wee ought to prepare our selues against passions.* 2. *Of the choice of affaires.* 3. *Of foresight.* 4. *Of the vocation of euery man.* 5. *Howe wee ought to rule our life.* 6. *Of the diuersitie of mens actions.* 7. *Of the choice of friends.* 8. *Of dissembling,* 9. *Of vanitie.* 10. *Of prosperitie.* 11. *A comparison of our own estate, vvith the fortune of other men.* 12. *Of aduersitie.* 13. *Of sorrowe.* 14. *Of the affliction of good men.* 15. *Of other mens faultes.* 16. *Of iniuries, wrongs, and disgraces.* 17. *Of pouertie.* 18. *Of Death.*

Of all these we may giue as a sample, the fifth Discourfe.
How we ought to rule our life.

IN mine opinion it is necessarie to hould a certaine firme and staid course of life without chaunging vppon euery slight occasion. You shall see some who are so infected with this vice, that they alter their manner of life daily, being vnpossible to settle themselves to any thing, like vnto those who neuer haue been at Sea, who when they first set saile, remooue out of a great Ship into a little, and from a little to a great, shewing plainly that they mislike both; being still Sea-sick and purging their stomack. It is euen so with those who bring their passions with them in those matters they vndertake, seeking dayly a new forme of life and neuer doe effect any thing they begyn. Euerie thing maketh them sick, all things torment them: to haue much busines, to be idle, to serue, to command, to be married, to leade a single life, to haue children, to bee without issue: to bee short, nothing pleaseth them, nothing satisfieth them, but that which they haue not: And such kind of men liue miserably and discontentedly, like vnto those who are restrayned of their libertie, and fettered, liuing in a dayly torment.

There are another sort of men almost like vnto these, who can neuer stand still nor staie in one place, they neuer cease going and comming, they intermedle themselves in euery mans matter without any intreatie, they are wonderfully troubled with busines, and yet they haue nothing at all to do. When they come abroad, yf you demaunde of them whither they go, they straight-waies make answer I know not, I haue some busines like as others haue. They run about the streetes, and market places, and returne all weare and disquieted, hauing dispatched nothing at all. For there is nothing that so much wearieth any man as to labour in vaine. It is like ants who climbe vnto the top of a tree, and when they are at the highest haue nothing else to doe but to come downe againe, without reaping any other profit. They goe with such a randome that they carrie all that they meete before them. The Exchange, Powles, and the market places, are ordinarily full of such men. These forge and inuent newes, are deceauers, talking still of men liues, and discoursyng vainely what charges and offices other men haue.

A wise mans actions tend alwaies to a certaine end, he neuer burdeneth himselfe, with more busines then hee can well execute. And to say the troth, *Hee which taketh much vppon him, giueth fortune much power ouer him.*

9. Fourteen pages of entries intervene in the Stationers' Company' Register between the record of *Remedies against Discontentment, &c.*, on the 2d June 1596, in 38 Eliz.; and that of *Essayes, Religious Meditations, &c.* on 5th of February 1597, in 39 Eliz., of which they were the forerunners: For though not quite the very first English Essayist, it was Bacon that *established* in England this new species of writing.

Having thus brought the reader to the threhold of the present Reprint, we close our brief sketch of the advent of the Essay in our national Literature.

DR. RAWLEY'S LIFE OF LORD BACON.



Knowledge of the manhood of Bacon wonderfully illustrates the drift and method of his Essays, and *vice versâ*. We fortunately possess an early and most authoritative account of him in the following *Life* by his 'first and last Chaplain,' the Rev. WILLIAM RAWLEY, D.D., which first appeared in his *Resuscitatio*, 1657. fol., was revised in the reprint of it of 1661, and is for the most part, the best testimony attainable (*viz.*, that of a credible Eye and Ear witness), expressed with great strength and clearness.

We must therefore accept it, so far as it goes; for Dr. Rawley omits all allusion to Bacon's failings and fall, and touches but lightly upon the more active political and judicial parts of his career. All which parts, however, must be added to the account here given of him, if we would comprehend the enduring and fertile activity of his great powers. It is well also to dwell on such a bright side of Bacon's character as is here presented to us: in order to do him justice: for the character here given is the *general tenour* of his long life; even after dishonour a particular transactions had been incurred, though not always detected and punished. The general character preceded, co-existed, and survived each dishonour; and so Bacon is in a measure, the Solomon of modern times, endowed with wonderful powers, but still succumbing to the temptations that most easily beset his temperament.

Dr. Rawley's narrative, as first printed, is so disfigured with capital letters, and cut to shreds with commas, that, in this instance, we have modernised it.

Before the *Life*, in the edition of 1661, he placed an *Epistle to the Reader*, which begins thus:—"Having been employed as an amanuensis or daily instrument to this honourable Author, and acquainted with his Lordship's conceits in the composing of his Works, for many years together, especially in his writing time, I conceived that no man could pretend a better interest or claim to the ordering of them, after his death, than myself. For which cause I have compiled in one, whatsoever bears the true stamp of his Lordship's excellent genius, and hath hitherto slept and been suppressed in this present volume; not leaving anything to a future hand which I found to be of moment and communicable to the public, save only some few Latin works, which, by God's favour and suffrance, shall soon after follow.

It is true that for some of the Pieces herein contained, as his Lordship did not aim at the publication of them but at the preservation only, and prohibiting them from perishing, so as to leave them reposed in some private Shrine or Library.

The Epistle thus concludes: "As for this present collection, I doubt not but that it will verify itself in the several parcels thereof, and manifest to all understanding and impartial readers who is the Author of it: by that spirit of perspicuity, and aptness, and conciseness, which runs through the whole work, and is ever an annex of his Lordship's pen.

There is required now; and I have been moved by many, both from foreign nations and at home, who have in price, and been admirers of this honourable Author's conceits and apprehensions; that some memorials might be added concerning his Lordship's life. Wherein I have been more willing than sufficient to satisfy their requests, and to that end have endeavoured to contribute not my talent, but my mite, in the next following discourse. Though to give the true value to his Lordship's worth, there were more need of another Homer to be the trumpet of Achilles' virtues."

THE LIFE OF THE HONOURABLE AUTHOR.

FRANCIS BACON, the Glory of his Age and Nation, the Adorn-
and Ornament of Learning, was born in York House or York Place, in
the Strand; on the 22d day of January in the year of our Lord, 1560. His
father was that famous Councillor to Queen Elizabeth, the second Prop of
the Kingdom in his time; Sir NICHOLAS BACON Knight, Lord Keeper of the
Great Seal of England: a Lord of known prudence, sufficiency, moderation,
and integrity. His mother was Anne, one of the daughters of Sir ANTHONY
Cook, unto whom the erudition of King Edward the Sixth had been com-
mitted; a choice Lady and eminent for piety, virtue, and learning; being
exquisitely skilled, for a woman, in the Greek and Latin tongues. These
being the parents, you may easily imagine what the issue was like to be;
having had whatsoever Nature or Breeding could put into him.

His first and childish years were not without some mark of eminency. At
which time, he was endued with that pregnancy and towardness of wit, as they
were presages of that *deep* and *universal Apprehension* which was manifest
in him afterward: and caused him to be taken notice of by several persons
of Worth and Place, and especially by the Queen; who (as I have been
informed), delighted much, then, to confer with him, and to prove him with
questions. Unto whom, he delivered himself with that gravity and maturity
above his years, that Her Majesty would often term him 'The young Lord
Keeper.' Being asked by the Queen 'How old he was?' He answered with
much discretion, being then but a boy, 'That he was two years younger than
Her Majesty's happy Reign.' With which answer the Queen was much taken.

At the ordinary years of ripeness for the University, or rather somewhat
earlier; he was sent by his father to Trinity College in Cambridge, to be
educated and bred under the tuition of Doctor JOHN WHITGIFT, then master
of that College, afterwards the renowned Archbishop of Canterbury: a pre-
late of the first magnitude for Sanctity, Learning, Patience, and Humility.
Under whom, he was observed to have been more than an ordinary proficien-
t in the several arts and sciences. Whilst he was commorant in the
University, about 16 years of age (as his Lordship hath been pleased to im-
part unto myself;), he first fell into the dislike of the Philosophy of Aristotle.
Not for the worthlessness of the Author, to whom he would ever ascribe all
high attributes; but for the unfruitfulness of the way; being a Philosophy
(as his Lordship used to say) only strong for disputations and contentions,
but barren of the production of Works for the benefit of the Life of Man.
In which mind he continued to his dying day.

After he had passed the circle of the Liberal Arts; his father thought fit
to frame and mould him for the arts of State. And, for that end, sent him
over into France, with Sir AMYAS PAULET, then employed Ambassador
Leger into France: by whom he was, after a while, held fit to be entrusted
with some message or advertisement to the Queen; which having performed,
with great approbation, he returned back into France again, with intention
to continue for some years, there.

In his absence in France, his father the Lord Keeper died; having col-
lected (as I have heard of knowing persons) a considerable sum of money,
which he had separated, with intention to have made a competent purchase of
land for the livelihood of this his youngest son; (who was only unprovided for,
and though he was the youngest in years, yet he was not the lowest in his
father's affection): but the said purchase being unaccomplished at his father's
death, there came no greater share to him, than his single part or portion of
the money divisible amongst five brethren. By which means he lived in
some straights and necessities in his younger years. For as for that pleasant
site and manor of Gorhambury, he came not to it, till many years after, by
the death of his dearest brother, Mr. ANTHONY BACON; a gentleman equal
to him in height of wit, though inferior to him in the endowments of learning
and knowledge. Unto whom he was most nearly conjoined in affection:
they two, being the sole male issue of a second venture.

Being returned from travel, he applied himself to the study of the Common Law, which he took upon him to be his profession. In which he obtained to great excellency: though he made that (as himself said) but as an accessory and not as his principal study. He wrote several tractates upon that subject. Wherein, though some great trasters in the Law did outgo him in bulk and particularities of cases, yet in the true science of the grounds and mysteries of the law he was exceeded by none. In this way, he was, after a while, sworn of the Queen's Counsell Learned, Extraordinary; a grace (if I err not) scarce known before. He seated himself, for the commodity of his studies and practise, amongst the Honourable Society of Gray's Inn; of which House he was a member: where he erected that elegant pile or structure, commonly known by the name of *Lord Bacon's Lodgings*, which he inhabited, by turns, the most part of his life (some few years only excepted) unto his dying day. In which House, he carried himself with such sweetness, comity, and generosity, that he was much revered and loved by the Readers and Gentlemen of the house.

Notwithstanding that he professed the law for his livelihood and subsistence: yet his heart and affections were more carried after the affairs and places of State; for which, if the Majesty Royal then had been pleased, he was most fit. In his younger years he studied the service and fortunes (as they call them) of that noble but unfortunate Earl, the Earl of Essex; unto whom he was, in a sort, a private and free counsellor, and gave him safe and honourable advice: till, in the end, the Earl inclined too much to the violent and precipitate counsel of others, his adherents and followers; which was his fate and ruin.

His birth and other capacities qualified him above others of his profession, to have ordinary accesses at court; and to come frequently into the Queen's eye: who would often grace him with private and free communication, not only about matters of his profession or business in law; but also about the arduous affairs of state. From whom she received, from time to time, great satisfaction. Nevertheless, though she cheered him much with the bounty of her countenance; yet she never cheered him with the bounty of her hand: having never conferred upon him any ordinary place or means of honour or profit, save only one dry reversion of the Register's Office in the Star Chamber, worth about £1600 per annum; for which he waited in expectation, either fully or nearly twenty years. Of which his Lordship would say, in Queen Elizabeth's time, 'That it was, like another man's ground, buttalling upon his house; which might mend his prospect but it did not fill his barn.' (Nevertheless in the time of King James it fell unto him.) Which might be imputed, not so much to Her Majesty's averseness or disaffection towards him: as to the arts and policy of a great statesman then, who laboured by all industrious and secret means to suppress and keep him down; lest if he had risen, he might have obscured his glory.

But though he stood long at a stay in the days of his mistress, Queen Elizabeth: yet, after the change and coming in of his new master King James, he made a great progress; by whom, he was much comforted in places of trust, honour, and revenue. I have seen a letter of his Lordship's to King James, wherein he makes acknowledgement: "That he was that master to him, that had raised and advanced him nine times; thrice in dignity, and six times in office." His offices (as I conceive) were, COUNSEL LEARNED EXTRAORDINARY [25th August 1604] to his Majesty, as he had been to Queen Elizabeth; KING'S SOLICITOR GENERAL [25th June 1607]; His Majesty's ATTORNEY-GENERAL [27th October 1613]; COUNSELLOR OF STATE [*i.e.*, Privy Councillor, 7th June 1616], being yet but Attorney; LORD KEEPER of the Great Seal of England [3d March 1617]; lastly, LORD CHANCELLOR [4th January 1619]; which two last places, though they be the same in authority and power; yet they differ in patent, height, and favour of the prince. Since whose time none of his successors until this present honourable Lord [Lord Clarendon] did ever bear the title of Lord Chancellor. His dignities were first [KNIGHT 23d July 1603]; then BARON of VERULAM [11th July 1618]; lastly, VISCOUNT SAINT ALBAN [28th January 1621]; besides other good

gifts and bounties of the hand, which His Majesty gave him; both out of the Broad Seal and out of the Alienation Office, to the value in both of £1800 per annum; which with his Manor of Gorhambury and other lands and possessions, near there unto adjoining, amounting to a third part more, he retained to his dying day.

Towards his rising years, not before, he entered into a married state; and took to wife ALICE, one of the daughters and co-heirs of BENEDICT BARNHAM Esquire, and Alderman of London: with whom he received a sufficiently ample and liberal portion in marriage. Children he had none; which though they be the means to perpetuate our names after our deaths; yet he had other issues to perpetuate his name: the issues of his brain. In which he was ever happy and admired, as Jupiter was in the production of Pallas. Neither did the want of children detract from his good usage of his consort during the intermarriage, whom he presented with much conjugal love and respect, with many rich gifts and endowments, besides a robe of honour which he invested her withal [*i.e.*, he made her a Peeress], which she wore, until her dying day, being twenty years and more, after his death.

The last five years of his life being withdrawn from civil affairs and from an active life, he employed wholly in contemplation and studies. A thing, whereof his Lordship would often speak during his active life; as if he affected to die in the shadow, and not in the light; which also may be found in several passages of his works. In which time, he composed the greatest part of his books and writings, both in English and Latin. Which I will enumerate (as near as I can) in the just order, wherein they were written. *The History of the Reign of King Henry the Seventh. Abecedarium Naturæ*, or a Metaphysical piece, which is lost. *Historia Ventorum, Historiæ vitæ et mortis; Historia densi et rari*; not yet printed. *Historia Gravis, et Levis*, which is also lost. A Discourse of *A War with Spain*. A Dialogue touching *An Holy War*. The fable of the *New Atlantis*. A Preface to a Digest of the Laws of England. The beginning of the *History of the Reign of King Henry the Eighth. De Augmentis Scientiarum*; or *The Advancement of Learning*, put into Latin, with several enrichments and enlargements. *Counsels Civil and Moral* or his book of *Essays*, likewise enriched and enlarged. The conversion of certain *Psalms* into English verse. The translation into Latin; of the *History of King Henry the Seventh*, of the *Counsels Civil and Moral*, of the dialogue of *The Holy War*, of the fable of *The New Atlantis*; for the benefit of other nations. His revising of his book *De Sapientiâ Veterum, Inquisitio de Magnete, Topica Inquisitionis de Luce et Lumine*: both these not yet printed. Lastly, *Sylva Sylvarum* or the Natural History. These were the fruits and productions of his last five years. His Lordship also designed upon the motion and invitation of his late majesty [Charles I.] to have written *The Reign of King Henry the Eighth*; but that work perished in the designation merely. God not lending him life to proceed further upon it than only in one morning's work whereof there is extant an *Ex Ungue Leonem*, already printed in his Lordship's *Miscellany Works*.

There is a commemoration due as well to his abilities and virtues, as to the course of his life. Those abilities which commonly go single in other men, though of prime and observable parts; were all conjoined and met in him. Those are Sharpness of Wit, Memory, Judgment, and Elocution. For the former three, his books do abundantly speak them, which, with what sufficiency he wrote, let the world judge, but with what celerity he wrote them, I can best testify. But for the fourth, his Elocution, I will only set down, what I heard Sir Walter Raleigh once speak of him, by way of comparison (whose judgment may well be trusted). 'That the Earl of Salisbury was an excellent speaker but no good penman; that the Earl of Northampton (the Lord Henry Howard) was an excellent penman but no good speaker; but that Sir Francis Bacon was eminent in both.'

I have been induced to think; That if there were a beam of knowledge derived from God upon any man, in these modern times, it was upon him. For though he was a great reader of books, yet he had not his knowledge from books, but from some grounds or notions from within himself; which notwith-

standing, he vented with great caution and circumspection. His book of *Instauratio Magna* (which, in his own account, was the chiefest of his works) was no slight imagination or fancy of his brain; but a settled and concocted notion: the production of many years' labour and travail. I myself have seen at the least twelve copies of the *Instauratio* revised, year by year, one after another; and every year altered and amended in the frame thereof; till, at the last, it came to that model, in which it was committed to the press: as many living creatures do lick their young ones till they bring them to their strength of limbs.

In the composing of his books he did rather drive at a masculine and clear expression than at any fineness or affectation of phrases; and would often ask if the meaning were expressed *plainly enough*. As being one that accounted words to be but subservient or ministerial to matter, and not the principal; and if his style were polite, it was because he could do no otherwise. Neither was he given to any light conceits, or descanting upon words: but did ever, purposely and industriously, avoid them. For he held such things to be but digressions or diversions from the scope intended, and to derogate from the weight and dignity of the style.

He was no plodder upon books; though he read much; and that, with great judgement, and rejection of impertinences incident to many authors. For he would ever interlace a moderate relaxation of his mind with his studies; as walking, or taking the air abroad in his coach, or some other befitting recreation. And yet he would lose no time: inasmuch, as upon his first and immediate return, he would fall to reading again: and so suffer no moment of time to slip from him without some present improvement.

His meals were refectations of the ear as well as of the stomach: like the *Noctes Atticæ* or *Convivia Deipno Sophistarum*, wherein a man might be refreshed in his mind and understanding no less than in his body. And I have known some of no mean parts, that have professed to make use of their note-books, when they have risen from his table. In which conversations and otherwise, he was no dashing man, as some men are; but ever a countenancer and fosterer of another man's parts. Neither was he one, that would appropriate the speech wholly to himself or delight to out-vie others, but leave a liberty to the co-assessors to take their turns. Wherein he would draw a man on, and allure him to speak upon such a subject as wherein he was peculiarly skilful and would delight to speak: and for himself he contemned no man's observations, but would light his torch at every man's candle.

His opinions and assertions were, for the most part, binding, and not contradicted by any: rather like oracles than discourses. Which may be imputed, either to the well weighing of his sentence by the scales of truth and reason; or else to the reverence and estimation wherein he was commonly had, that no man would contest with him. So that there was no argumentation, or *pro* and *con* as they term it, at his table: or if there chanced to be any, it was carried with much submission and moderation.

I have often observed, and so have other men of great account, that if he had occasion to repeat another man's words after him, he had an use and faculty to dress them in better vestments and apparel than they had before: so that the author should find his own speech much amended and yet the substance of it still retained. As if it had been natural to him to use good forms; as Ovid spake of his faculty of versifying,

Et quod tentabam scribere, versus erat.

[And what I was attempting to write, became a verse.]

When his office called him, as he was of the King's Counsell Learned to charge any offenders, either in criminals or capitals: he was never of an insulting or domineering nature over them, but always tender-hearted and carrying himself decently towards the parties: (though it was his duty to charge them home) but yet as one that looked upon the example with the eye of severity, but upon the person with the eye of pity and compassion. And in Civil Business, as he was Councillor of State, he had the best way of advising: not engaging his master in any precipitate or grievous courses, but

in moderate and fair proceedings. The King whom he served, giving him this testimony, 'That he ever dealt in business *suavibus modis*, which was the way that was most according to his own heart.'

Neither was he, in his time, less gracious with the subject than with his Sovereign. He was ever acceptable to the House of Commons when he was a member thereof. Being the King's Attorney and chosen to a place in Parliament; he was allowed and dispensed with to sit in the House, which was not permitted to other Attorneys.

And as he was a good servant to his master: being never in nineteen years service (as himself averred) rebuked by the King for any thing relating to his Majesty: so he was a good master to his servants, and rewarded their long attendance with good places freely when they fell into his power; which was the cause that so many young gentlemen of blood and quality sought to enlist themselves in his retinue. And if he were abused by any of them in their places; it was only the error of the goodness of his nature: but the badges of their indiscretions and intemperances.

This Lord was religious. For though the world be apt to suspect and prejudice great wits and politicians to have somewhat of the Atheist: yet he was conservant with God. As appeareth by several passages throughout the whole current of his writings. Otherwise he should have crossed his own principles, which were, 'That a little philosophy maketh men apt to forget God, as attributing too much to second causes; but depth of philosophy bringeth a man back to God again.' Now I am sure there is no man that will deny him, or account otherwise of him but to have been a deep philosopher: and not only so, but that he was able to render a reason of the hope which was in him, which that writing of his of the Confession of the Faith doth abundantly testify. He repaired frequently, when his health would permit him, to the service of the Church, to hear sermons, to the administration of the Sacrament of the blessed Body and Blood of Christ: and died in the true faith established in the Church of England.

This is most true. He was free from malice, which (as he said himself) he never bred, nor fed. He was no revenger of injuries, which if he had minded he had both opportunity and place high enough, to have done it. He was no heaver of men out of their places, as delighting in their ruin and undoing. He was no defamer of any man to his Prince. One day, when a great Statesman was newly dead, that had not been his friend, the King asked him 'what he thought of that Lord which was gone?' He answered 'That he would never have made his majesty's estate better; but he was sure, he would have kept it from being worse.' Which was the worst he would say of him. Which I reckon not amongst his moral but his Christian virtues.

His fame is greater and sounds louder in foreign parts abroad, than at home in his own nation: thereby verifying that Divine sentence, A prophet is not without honour, save in his own country and in his own house. Concerning which, I will give you a taste only, out of a letter written from Italy (the Store-House of refined wits) to the late Earl of Devonshire [*d.* 1628.] then the Lord Cavendish. "I will expect the new Essays of my Lord Chancellor Bacon; as also his History, with a great deal of desire: and whatsoever else he shall compose. But in particular, of his History I promise myself a thing perfect and singular; especially in Henry the Seventh, where he may exercise the talent of his divine understanding. This Lord is more and more known; and his books here, more and more delighted in; and those men, that have more than ordinary knowledge in human affairs, esteem him one of the most capable spirits of this age. And he is truly such."

Now his fame doth not decrease with days since, but rather increase. Divers of his works have been anciently and yet lately translated into other tongues both learned and modern, by foreign pens. Several persons of quality, during his Lordship's life, crossed the seas on purpose to gain an opportunity of seeing him and discoursing with him; whereof one carried his Lordship's picture from head to foot, over with him to France, as a thing which he foresaw, would be much desired there: that so they might enjoy

the image of his person as well as the images of his brain, his books. Amongst the rest, the Marquis Fiat, a French nobleman who came ambassador into England in the beginning of Queen Mary, wife to King Charles; was taken with an extraordinary desire of seeing him; for which he made way by a friend. And when he came to him, being then through weakness confined to his bed, the Marquis saluted him with this high expression; 'That his Lordship had been ever to him like the angels, of whom he had often heard, and read much of them in books, but he never saw them.' After which they contracted an intimate acquaintance: and the Marquis did so revere him that besides his frequent visits, they wrote letters, one to the other, under the titles and appellations of father and son. As for his many salutations by letters from foreign worthies devoted to leaning, I forbear to mention them, because that is a thing common to other men of learning or note together with him.

But yet in this matter of his fame, I speak in the comparative only and not in the exclusive. For his reputation is great in his own nation also, especially amongst those that are of a more acute and sharper judgement. Which I will exemplify but with two testimonies and no more. The former, when his *History of King Henry the Seventh* was to come forth, it was delivered to the old Lord Brooke to be perused by him; who, when he had despatched it, returned it to the author, with this eulogy, 'Commend me to my Lord, and bid him take care to get good paper and ink: for the work is incomparable.' The other, shall be that of Doctor Samuel Collins, late Provost of King's College in Cambridge, a man of no vulgar wit, who affirmed unto me, 'That when he had read the book *Of the Advancement of Learning*, he found himself in a case to begin his studies anew and that he had lost all the time of his studying before.'

It hath been desired that something should be signified touching his diet and the regiment of his health: of which in regard to his universal insight into nature, he may, perhaps, be, to some, an example. For his diet, it was a plentiful and liberal diet, as his stomach would bear it, than a restrained. Which he also commended in his book of *The History of Life and Death*. In his younger years, he was much given to the finer and lighter sort of meats, as of fowls and such like: but afterwards, when he grew more judicious, he preferred the stronger meats, such as the shambles afforded, as those meats which breed the more firm and substantial juices of the body and less dissipable. Upon which, he would often make his meal; though he had other meats upon the table. You may be sure he would not neglect that himself, which he so much extolled in his writings; and that was the use of Nitre: whereof he took in the quantity of about three grains, in thin warm broth every morning for thirty years together next before his death. And for physic he did indeed live physically but not miserably. For he took only a maceration of rhubarb infused into a draught of white wine and beer, mingled together for the space of half an hour, once in six or seven days, immediately before his meal, whether dinner or supper, that it might dry the body less; which, as he said, did carry away frequently the grosser humours of the body, and not diminish or carry away any of the spirits, as sweating doth. And, this was no grievous thing to take. As for other physic, in an ordinary way, whatsoever hath been vulgarly spoken, he took not. His receipt for the gout, which did constantly ease him of his pain within two hours, is already set down in the end of the *Natural History*.

It may seem the moon had some principal place in the figure of his nativity [!]. For the moon was never in her passion or eclipsed, but he was surprised with a sudden fit of fainting: and that, though he observed not, nor took any previous knowledge of the eclipse thereof. And as soon as the eclipse ceased, he was restored to his former strength again.

He died on the 9th day of April in the year 1626; in the early morning of the day, then celebrated for our Saviour's Resurrection, in the 66th year of his age, at the Earl of Arundel's house in Highgate, near London. To which place he casually repaired about a week before; God so ordaining that he should die there of a gentle fever, accidentally accompanied with a great

cold; whereby the defluxion of rheum fell so plentifully upon his breast that he died by suffocation. And was buried in St. Michael's Church at Saint Albans: being the place designed for his burial by his last will and testament; both because the body of his mother was interred there, and because it was the only church then remaining within the precincts of old Verulam. Where he hath a monument erected for him of white marble, (by the care and gratitude of Sir Thomas Meutys Knight, formerly his Lordship's secretary, afterwards clerk of the King's Honourable Privy Council, under two kings) representing his full portraiture, in the posture of studying: with an inscription composed by that accomplished gentleman and rare wit, Sir Henry Wotton.

But howsoever his body was mortal, yet no doubt his memory and works will live, and will, in all probability, last as long as the world lasteth. In order to which, I have endeavoured, after my poor ability, to do this honour to his Lordship, by way of conducing to the same.

BEN JONSON'S TESTIMONY TO BACON.

In a collection of passages entitled, *Timber; or, Discoveries made upon Men and Matter*; written after 1630. Ben Jonson writes:

"One, though hee be excellent, and the chiefe, is not to bee imitated alone. For never no Imitator, ever grew up to his *Author*; likeness is alwayes on this side Truth: Yet there hapn'd, in my time, one noble *Speaker*, who was full of gravity in his speaking. His language, (where hee could spare, or passe by a jest) was nobly *ensorious*. No man ever spake more neatly, more presly, more weightily, or suffer'd lesse emptinesse, lesse idlenesse, in what hee utter'd. No member of his speech but consisted of the owne graces. His hearers could not cough, or looke aside from him, without losse. Hee commanded where hee spoke, and had his Judges angry, and pleased at his devotion. No man had their affection more in his power. The feare of every man that heard him, was, lest hee should make an end." *p.* 101.

"I have ever observ'd it, to have beene the office of a wise Patriot, among the greatest affaires of the *State*, to take care of the *Common-wealth* of Learning. For Schooles, they are the *Seminaries* of State: and nothing is worthier the study of a States-man, then that part of the *Republicke*, which we call the *advancement* of Letters. Witnessse the care of *Iulius Cæsar*; who in the heat of the civill warre, writ his bookes of *Analogie*, and dedicated them to *Tully*. This made the late Lord S. *Albane*, entitle his worke, *nouum Organum*. Which though by the most of superficial men; who cannot get beyond the Title of *Nominals*, it is not penetrated, nor understood; it really openeth all defects of Learning whatsoever; and is a Booke,

Qui longum noto scriptori porriget ævum.

My conceit of his Person was never increased toward him, by his place, or honours. But I have, and doe reverence him for the greatnesse, that was onely proper to himselfe, in that hee seem'd to mee ever, by his worke one of the greatest men, and most worthy of admiration, that had beene in many Ages. In his adversity I ever prayed, that *God* would give him strength: for *Greatnesse* hee could not want. Neither could I condole in a word, or syllable for him; as knowing no Accident could doe harme to vertue, but rather helpe to make it manifest. *p.* 102. *Works.* ii. *Ed.* 1640.

AUBREY'S GOSSIP.



JOHN AUBREY, in his MS. notes, the dedication of which to Anthony Wood is dated 15th June 1580, which are printed at the end of *Letters written by eminent persons, &c.* London. 1813. gives us the following further information about Lord Bacon.

In his Lordship's prosperity Sr. Fulke Grevil, Lord Brooke, was his great friend and acquaintance, but when he was in disgrace and want, he was so unworthy as to forbid his butler to let him have any more small beer, which he had often sent for, his stomach being nice, and the small beere of Grayes Inne not liking his pallet. This has done his memorie more dishonour then Sr Ph. Sydney's friendship engraven on his monument hath donne him honour.

Richard, Earle of Dorset, was a great admirer and friend of the Ld. Ch. Bacon, and was wont to have Sr Tho. Ballingsley along with him to remember and putt downe in writing my Lord's sayings at table. Mr. Ben Ionson was one of his friends and acquaintance, as doeth appeare by his excellent verses on his Lops birth day, in his 2nd vol. and in his *Vnderwoods*, where he gives him a character, and concludes, That about his time, and within his view, were borne all the witts that could honour a nation or help studie. He came often to Sr John Danvers at Chelsey. Sir John told me that when his Lop had wrote the *Hist. of Hen. 7*, he sent the manuscript cop'e to him to desire his opinion of it before it 'twas printed. Qd Sir John, Your Lordship knowes that I am no scholar. 'Tis no matter, said my Lord, I know what a scholar can say; I would know what *you* can say. Sir John read it, and gave his opinion what he misliked (which I am sorry I have forgot) which my Ld. acknowledged to be true, and mended it. "Why," said he, "a scholar would never have told me this."

Mr. Tho. Hobbes (Malmesburiensis) was beloved by his Lop., who was wont to have him walke in his delicate groves, when he did meditate: and when a notion darted into his mind, Mr. Hobbes was presently to write it downe, and his Lop. was wont to say that he did it better than any one els about him; for that many times, when he read their notes he scarce understood what they writt, because they understood it not clearly themselves. In short, all that were *great and good* loved and honoured him. Sir Edward Coke, Ld. Chiefe Justice, alwayes envyed him, and would be undervaluing his lawe. I knew old lawyers that remembered it.

He was Lord Protector during King James' progresse into Scotland, and gave audience in great state to Ambassadors in the banquetting house at Whitehall. His Lop. would many time have musique in the next roome where he meditated. The Aviary at Yorke House was built by his Lop; it did cost 300 lib. Every meale, according to the season of the yeare, he had h's table strewd with sweet herbes and flowers, which he sayd did refresh his spirits and memorie. When his Lop. was at his country house at Gorhambery. St. Alban's seemed as if the court had been there, so nobly did he live. His servants had liveries with his crest;* his watermen were more employed by gentlemen then even the kings.

King James sent a buck to him, and he gave the keeper fifty pounds.

He was wont to say to his servant, *Hunt*, (who was a notable thrifty man, and loved this world, and the only servant he had that he could never gett to become bound for him) "The world was made for man (*Hunt*), and not man for the world." *Hunt* left an estate of 1006 lib. *per ann.*, in Somerset.

None of his servants durst appeare before him without Spanish leather bootes: for he would smell the neates leather, which offended him.

* *A boare.*

The East India merchants presented his Lop. with a cabinet of jewells, which his page, Mr. Cockaine, received, and deceived his Lord.

His Lordship was a good Poet, but conceal'd as appears by his Letters. See excellent verses of his Lop's., which Mr. Farnaby translated into Greeke, and printed both in his *Ανθολογία*, sc.

The world's a bubble, and the life of man,
Less than a span, &c.

[As this translation by Lord Bacon is not generally known, we give it entire. T. Farnaby's *Epigramata Selecta*, taken from various authors, with his Greek translations of them upon opposite pages, was published at London in 1629, under the title *Η τῆς ανθολογίας Ανθολογία. Florilegium Epigrammatum Græcorum, eorumque Latino versu à varijs redditorum.*

Among the Epigrams on 'Human life' is one by John Goræus: after which comes,

Huc elegantem viri clarissimi Domini Verulamij *παρωδιαν* adjicere adlubuit.

*The world's a bubble, and the life of man
lesse then a span,
In his conception wretched, from the wombe,
so to the tombe:
Curst from the cradle, and brought vp to yeares,
with cares and seares.
Who then to fraile mortality shall trust,
But limmes the water, or but writes in dust.*

*Yet since with sorrow here we live opprest:
what life is best?
Courts are but only superficiall scholes
to dandle fooles.
The rurall parts are turn'd into a den
of sauage men.
And wher's a city from all vice so free,
But may be term'd the worst of all the three?*

*Domesticke cares afflict the husbands bed,
or paines his head.
Those that live single take it for a curse
or doe things worse.
Some would haue children, those that haue them, mone,
or wish them gone.
What is it then to haue or haue no wife,
But single thraldome, or a double strife?*

*Our owne affections still at home to please,
is a disease,
To crosse the sea to any foreine soyle
perills and toyle,
Warres with their noyse affright vs: when they cease,
We are worse in peace.
What then remaines? but that we still should cry,
Not to be borne, or being borne to dye.]*

His Lordship being in Yorke house garden looking on Fishers, as they were throwing their nett, asked them what they would take for their draught; they answered *so much*: his Lop. would offer them no more but *so much*. They drew up their nett, and it were only 2 or 3 little fishes, his Lop. then told them, it had been better for them to haue taken his offer. They replied,

they hoped to haue a better draught; but, said his Lop. *Hope is a good breakfast, but an ill supper,*

Upon his being in disfavour, his servants suddenly went away, he compared them to the flying of the vermin when the house was falling.

One told his Lordship it was now time to look about him. He replied, 'I doe not looke *about* me, I looke *above* me.'

His Lordship would often drinke a good draught of strong beer (March heer) to-bed-wards, to lay his working fancy asleep: which otherwise would keepe him from sleeping great part of the night.

Three of his Lordship's servants [Sir Tho. Meautys, Mr. . . . Bushell, Mr. . . . Idney.] kept their coaches, and some kept race-horses.

. . . His Favourites tooke bribes, but his Lop. alwayes gave judgement *secundem æquum et bonum*. His Decrees in Chancery stand firme, there are fewer of his decrees reverst, than of any other Chancellor.

He had a delicate, lively hazel eie; Dr. Harvey told me it was like the eie of a viper.

[Aubrey in his *Life of Hobbes*. Vol. II. Part ii. p. 602 of the same work, states. "The Lord Chancellor Bacon loved to converse with him. He assisted his Lordship in translating severall of his essayes into Latin, one I well remember is that, Of the Greatness of Cities: [*? Kingdoms*] the rest I haue forgott. His Lordship was a very contemplative person, and was wont to contemplate in his delicious walks at Gorhambery, and dictate to Mr. Bushell, or some other of his gentlemen, that attended him with ink and paper ready to set downe presently his thoughts."]

Mr. Hobbes told me that the cause of his Lp's death was trying an experiment. As he was taking an aire in a coach with Dr. Witherborne (a Scotchman, Physician to the King) towards Highgate, snow lay on the ground, and it came into my Lord's thoughts, why flesh might not be preserved in snow as in salt. They were resolved they would try the experiment presently. They alighted out of the coach, and went into a poore woman's house at the bottome of Highgate hill, and bought a hen, and made the woman exenterate it, and then stuffed the bodie with snow, and my Lord did help to doe it himselfe. The snow so chilled him, that he immediately fell so extremely ill, that he could not returne to his lodgings, (I suppose they at Graye's Inne,) but went to the Earl of Arundell's house at Highgate, where they putt him into a good bed warmed with a panne, but it was a damp bed that had not been layn in about a yeare before, which gave him such a cold that in 2 or 3 dayes, as I remember he [Mr. Hobbes] told me, he dyed of suffocation: Vol. II. Part i. p. 221-7.

INTRODUCTION.

FRANCIS BACON, already pondering over the great 'Instauration,' wrote the following letter to Lord Burghley (who had taken Bacon's aunt for his second wife) in the year 1591, six years previous to the appearance of the first of these Essays.

It is a most able summary of his life and purposes up to that time, and is expressed with excellent power and earnestness.

My Lord. **W**ITH as much confidence, as mine own honest, and faithfull Devotion unto your Service, and your honourable Correspondence unto me, and my poor estate, can breed in a Man, do I commend myself unto your *Lordship*. I waxe now somewhat ancient: One and thirty yeares, is a great deal of sand, in the Houre-glasse. My Health, I thank *God*, I find confirmed; And I do feare, that Action shall impair it; Because I account, my ordinary course of Study, and Meditation to be more painfull, than most parts of Action are. I ever bare a mind, (in some middle place, that I could discharge,) to serve her *Majesty*; Not as a Man, born under *Sol*, that loveth *Honour*; Nor under *Jupiter*, that loveth *Business* (for the *Contemplative Planet* carrieth me away wholly,) but as a Man born, under an Excellent Sovereign, that deserveth the Dedication, of all Mens Abilities. Besides, I doe not finde, in myself, so much Self-love, but that the greater parts, of my Thoughts are, to deserve well, (if I were able,) of my Friends, and namely of your *Lordship*; who-being the *Atlas*, of this *Commonwealth*, the *Honour* of my *House*, and the second *Founder* of my poor *Estate*, I am tyed, by all duties, both of a good *Patriot*, and of an unworthy *Kinsman*, and of an Obliged *Servant*, to employ whatsoever I am, to doe you Service. Again, the Meanness of my Estate, doth somewhat move me: For though I cannot accuse my Self, that I am either prodigal, or sloathfull, yet my Health is not to spend, nor my Course to get. Lastly, I confesse, that I have as, vast *Contemplative Ends*, as I have moderate *Civil Ends*: For I have taken all Knowledge to be my *Province*; And if I could purge it, of two sort of Rovers, whereof the one, with frivolous Disputation, Confutations, and Verboisities: The other, with blind Experiments, and Auricular Traditions, and Impostures; hath committed so many spoils; I hope, I should bring in, Industrious Observations, grounded Conclusions, and profitable Inventions and Discoveries, the best State of that *Province*. This, whether it be Curiosity, or Vain-glory, or Nature, or, (if one take it favourably,) *Philanthropia*, is so fixed in my minde, as it cannot be removed. And I doe easily see, that *Place* of any *Reasonable Countenance*, doth bring commandement, of more *Wits*, than of a Mans own; which is the Thing I greatly affect. And for your *Lordship*, perhaps you shall not finde more Strength, and less Encounter, in any other. And if your *Lordship*, shall finde now, or at any time, that I doe seek, or affect, any place, whereunto any that is nearer unto your *Lordship*, shall be concurrent, say then, that I am a most dishonest Man. And if your *Lordship*, will not carry me on, I will not doe as *Anaxagoras* did, who reduced himself, with Contemplation, unto voluntary poverty; But this I will doe, I will sell the *Inheritance*, that I have, and purchase some *Lease*, of quick Revenew, or some *Office of Gain*, that shall be executed by *Deputy*, and so give over, all Care of Service, and become some sorry *Book maker*, or a true *Pioneer*, in that *Mine of Truth*, which (he said) *lay so deep*. This which I have writ unto your *Lordship*, is rather Thoughts, than Words, being set down without all Art, Disguizing, or Reservation. Wherein I have done honour, both to your *Lordships* Wisdom, in judging, that that will be best believed of your *Lordship*, which is truest; And to your *Lordships* good nature, in retaining nothing from you. And even so, I wish your *Lordship* all Happiness, and to my self, Means and Occasion, to be added, to my faithfull desire, to doe you Service.

From my Lodgings at Grays Inne.

[*Resuscitatio*, p. 95. Ed. 1657.]

2. No right judgment can be formed of these Essays, in relation to Bacon's powers : unless some glimpse, however brief and imperfect, be obtained of the 'vast contemplative ends' to which he chiefly consecrated his magnificent powers for the last thirty-five years of his most busy life. Mr. Hallam has given us an excellent sketch of that New Philosophy, which tasked even the mighty intellect of the Lord Chancellor simply to design.

In the dedication of the *Novum Organum* to James in 1620, Bacon says that he had been about some such work near thirty years, "so as I made no haste." "And the reason," he adds "why I have published it now, specially being imperfect, is, to speak plainly, because I number my days, and would have it saved. There is another reason of my so doing, which is to try whether I can get help in one intended part of this work, namely, the compiling of a natural and experimental history, which must be the main foundation of a true and active philosophy." He may be presumed at least to have made a very considerable progress in his undertaking, before the close of the sixteenth century. But it was first promulgated to the world by the publication of his Treatise on the Advancement of Learning in 1605. In this, indeed, the whole of the Baconian philosophy may be said to be implicitly contained, except perhaps the second book of the *Novum Organum*. In 1623, he published his more celebrated Latin translation of this work, if it is not rather to be deemed a new one, entitled *De Augmentis Scientiarum*. I find, upon comparison, that more than two thirds of this treatise are a version, with slight interpolation or omission, from the *Advancement of Learning*, the remainder being new matter. *p.* 168.

The *Instauratio Magna*, dedicated to James, is divided, according to the magnificent ground-plot of its author, into six parts. The first of these he entitles *Partitiones Scientiarum*, comprehending a general summary of that knowledge which mankind already possess ; yet not merely treating this affirmatively, but taking special notice of whatever should seem deficient or imperfect ; sometimes even supplying, by illustration or precept, these vacant spaces of science. The first part he declares to be wanting in the *Instauratio*. It has been chiefly supplied by the treatise *De Augmentis Scientiarum* ; yet perhaps even that does not fully come up to the amplitude of this design.

The second part of the *Instauratio* was to be, as he expresses it, "the science of a better and more perfect use of reason in the investigation of things, and of the true aids of the understanding," the new logic, or inductive method, in which what is eminently styled the Baconian philosophy consists. This, as far as he completed it, is known to all by the name of *Novum Organum*. But he seems to have designed a fuller treatise in place of this ; the aphorisms into which he has digested it being rather the heads or theses of chapters, at least in many places, that would have been further expanded. (It is entitled by himself. *Pars secundæ Summa, digesta in aphorismos.*) And it is still more important to observe, that he did not achieve the whole of this summary that he had promised ; but out of nine divisions of his method we only possess the first, which he denominates *prærogativæ instantiarum*. Eight others, of exceeding importance in logic, he has not touched at all, except to describe them by name and to promise more. "We will speak," he says, "in the first place, of prerogative instances ; secondly, of the aids of induction ; thirdly, of the rectification of induction ; fourthly, of varying the investigation according to the nature of the subject ; fifthly, of prerogative natures (or objects), as to investigation, or the choice of what shall be first inquired into ; sixthly, of the boundaries of inquiry, or the synoptical view of all natures in the world ; seventhly, on the application of inquiry to practice, and what relates to man ; eighthly, on the preparations (*parascervis*) for inquiry ; lastly, on the ascending and descending scale of axioms." All these, after the first, are wanting, with the exception of some slightly handled in separate parts of Bacon's writings ; and the deficiency, which is so important,

seems to have been sometimes overlooked by those who have written about the *Novum Organum*.

The third part of the *Instauratio Magna* was to comprise an entire natural history, diligently and scrupulously collected from experience of every kind; including under that name of natural history every thing wherein the art of man has been employed on natural substances either for practice or experiment; no method of reasoning being sufficient to guide us to truth as to natural things, if they are not themselves clearly and exactly apprehended. It is unnecessary to observe that very little of this immense chart of nature could be traced by the hand of Bacon, or in his time. His Centuries of Natural History containing about one thousand observed facts and experiments, are a very slender contribution towards such a description of universal nature as he contemplated. These form no part of the *Instauratio Magna*, and had been compiled before [*This is contradictory to Dr. Rawley's statement on next page*]. But he enumerates one hundred and thirty particular histories which ought to be drawn up for this great work. A few of these he has given in a sort of skeleton, as samples rather of the method of collecting facts, than of the facts themselves; namely, the History of Winds, of Life and Death, of Density and Rarity, of Sound and Hearing.

The fourth part, called *Scala Intellectus*, is also wanting with the exception of a very few introductory pages. "By these tables," says Bacon, "we mean not such examples as we subjoin to the several rules of our method, but types and models, which place before our eyes the entire process of the mind in the discovery of truth, selecting various and remarkable instances." These he compares to the diagrams of geometry, by attending to which the steps of the demonstration become perspicuous.

In a fifth part of the *Instauratio Magna* Bacon had designed to give a specimen of the new philosophy which he hoped to raise after a due use of his natural history and inductive method, by way of anticipation or sample of the whole. He calls it *Prodomi, sive Anticipationes Philosophiæ Secundæ*. And some fragments of this part are published by the names of *Cogita et Visa, Cogitationes de Natura Rerum, Filum Labyrinthi*, and a few more, being as much, in all probability, as he had reduced to writing. In his own metaphor, it was to be like the payment of interest, till the principal could be raised; *tanquam fœnus reddatur, donec sors haberi possit*.

For he despaired of ever completing the work by a sixth and last portion, which was to display a perfect system of philosophy, deduced and confirmed by a legitimate, sober, and exact enquiry according to the method which he had invented and laid down. "To perfect this last part is above our powers and beyond our hopes. We may, as we trust, make no despicable beginnings, the destinies of the human race must complete it; in such a manner, perhaps, as men, looking only at the present, would not readily conceive. For upon this will depend not a speculative good, but all the fortunes of mankind and all their power."

And with an eloquent prayer that his exertions may be rendered effectual to the attainment of truth and happiness, this introductory chapter of the *Instauratio*, which announces the distribution of its portions, concludes.

Such was the temple, of which Bacon saw in vision before him the stately front and decorated pediments, in all their breadth of light and harmony of proportion, while long vistas of receding columns and glimpses of internal splendour revealed a glory that it was not permitted to him to comprehend.

In the treatise *De Augmentis Scientiarum* and in the *Novum Organum*, we have less, no doubt, than Lord Bacon, under different conditions of life, might have achieved; he might have been more emphatically the high priest of nature, if he had not been the chancellor of James I.; but no one man could have filled up the vast outline which he alone, in that stage of the world, could have so boldly sketched.—*Intro. to the Lit. of Europe*, iii. 168-175, *Ed.* 1839.

Bacon did 'get help' in his Natural History from his chaplain, Dr. Rawley : and among the many writings of his 'writing time,' *i.e.* from his fall till his death, this work was completed. It was published after his decease under the title of '*Sylva Sylvarum: or A Naturall Historie, in ten Centuries,*' London, 1627. fol., with the following dedication to Charles I. :—

May it please your most Excellent Maiestie;

The whole Body of the *Naturall Historie*, either designed, or written, by the late *Lo. Viscount S. Alban*, was dedicated to your *Maiestie*, in his Booke *De Ventis*, about foure yeeres past, when your *Maiestie* was *Prince*: So as there needed no new Dedication of this *Worke*, but only, in all humblenesse, to let your *Maiestie* know, it is yours. It is true, if that *Lo.* had liued, your *Maiestie*, ere long, had bene inuoked, to the Protection of another *Historie*; Whereof, not *Natures Kingdome*, as in this, but these of your *Maiesties*, (during the Time and *Raigne* of *King Henry the Eighth*) had bene the Subject: Which since it died vnder the Designation meereley, there is nothing left, but your *Maiesties* Princely Goodnesse, graciously to accept of the Vndertakers Heart, and Intentions; who was willing to haue parted, for a while, with his Darling *Philosophie*, that hee might haue attended your Royall Commandement, in that other *Worke*. Thus much I haue bene bold, in all lowlinesse, to represent vnto your *Maiestie*, as one that was trusted with his *Lordships Writings*, euen to the last. And as this *Worke* affecteth the *Stampe* of your *Maiesties Royall Protection*, to make it more currant to the *World*, So vnder the *Protection* of this *Worke*, I presume in all humblenesse to approach your *Maiesties* presence; And to offer it vp into your *Sacred Hands*.

Your MAIESTIES most Loyal and Deuoted Subiect, W. RAWLEY.

After which Dr. Rawley gives the following Epistle to the Reader, which 'is the same, that should haue been prefixed to this Booke, if his Lordship had liued.' Bacon was singularly fortunate in having such a chaplain: and we are ever indebted to him for such a revelation, both of the spirit and method of the New Philosophy, as hereinafter follows:—

Having had the Honour to bee continually with my *Lord*, in compiling of this *Worke*; And to be employed therein; I haue thought it not amisse (with his Lordships good leaue and liking,) for the better satisfaction of those that shall reade it, to make knowne somewhat of his Lordships Intentions, touching the Ordering, and Publishing of the same. I haue heard his Lordship often say; that if hee should haue serued the glory of his owne Name, hee had been better not to haue published this *Naturall History*: For it may seeme an Indigested Heap of Particulars; and cannot haue that Lustre, which Bookes cast into Methods haue; But that he resolved to preferre the good of Men, and that which might best secure it, before any thing that might haue Relation to Himselfe. And hee knew well, that there was no other way open, to vnloose Mens minds, being bound; and (as it were) Maleficate, by the Charmes of deceiuing Notions, and Theories; and thereby made Impotent for Generation of VVorkes: But onely no wher to depart from the Sense, and cleare experience; But to keepe close to it, especially in the beginning: Besides, this *Naturall History* was a Debt of his, being Designed and set downe for a third part of the *Instauration*. I haue also heard his Lordship discourse, that Men (no doubt) will thinke many of the *Experiments* contained in this Collection to be Vulgar or Triuall: Meane and Sordid; Curious and Fruitlesse; and therefore he wisheth, that they would haue perpetually before their Eyes, what is now in doing; And the Difference betweene this *Naturall History*, and others. For those *Naturall Histories*, which are Extant, being gathered for Delight and Vse, are full of pleasant Descriptions

and Pictures; and affect and seek after Admiration, Rarities, and Secrets. But contrariwise, the Scope which his Lordship intendeth, is to write such a *Naturall History*, as may be Fundamentall to the Erecting and Building of a true *Philosophy*: For the Illumination of the *Vnderstanding*; the Extracting of *Axiomes*; and the producing of many Noble *Works*, and *Effects*. For he hopeth, by this meanes, to acquit Himselfe of that, for which hee taketh *Himselfe* in a sort bound; And that is, the Aduancement of all Learning and Sciences. For hauing in this present VVorke Collected the Materials for the Building; And in his *Novum Organum* (of which his Lordship is yet to publish a Second Part,) set downe the Instruments and Directions for the Worke; Men shall now bee wanting to themselues, if they raise not Knowledge to that perfection, whereof the Nature of Mortall men is capable. And in this behalfe, I haue heard his Lordship speake complainingly; That his Lordship (who thinketh hee deserueth to be an Architect in this building,) should be forced to be a VVork-man and a Labourer; And to digge the Clay, and burne the Brick; And more then that, (according to the hard Condition of the *Israelites* at the latter end) to gather the Strawe and Stubble, ouer all the Fields, to burn the Bricks withall. For he knoweth, that except hee doe it, nothing will be done: Men are so sett to despise the Meanes of their owne good. And as for the *Basenes* of many of the Experiments; As long as they be Gods VVorks, they are Honourable enough. And for the *Vulgarnes* of them; true *Axiomes* must be drawne from plaine Experience, and not from doubtfull; And his Lordships course is, to make VVonders Plaine, and not Plaine things VVonders; And that Experience likewise must be broken and grinded, and not whole, or as it groweth. And for *Vse*; his Lordship hath often in his Mouth, the two kinds of *Experiments*; *Experimenta Fructifera*, and *Experimenta Lucifera*: *Experiments of Vse*, and *Experiments of Light*; And he reporteth himself, whether he were not a strange Man, that should thinke that Light hath no Vse, because it hath no Matter. Further, his Lordship thought good also, to add vnto many of the *Experiments* themselues, some *Glosse* of the *Causes*; that in the succeeding work of *Interpreting Nature*, and *Framing Axiomes*, all things may be in more Readines. And for the *Causes* herein by Him assigned; his Lordship perswadeth Himselfe, they are farr more certaine, then those that are rendred by Others; Not for any Excellency of his owne Witt, (as his Lordship is wont to say) but in respect of his continuall Conuersation with *Nature*, and *Experience*. He did consider likewise, that by this Addition of *Causes*, Mens mindes (which make so much hast to find out the *Causes* of things;) would not think themselues vtterly lost, in a Vast VVood of *Experience*, but stay vpon these *Causes*, (such as they are) a little, till true *Axiomes* may be more fully discovered. I haue heard his Lordship say also, that one great Reason, why he would not put these Particulars into any exact *Method*, (though he that looketh attentiuely into them, shall finde that they haue a secret Order) was, because hee conceiued that other men would now thinke, that they could doe the like; And so goe on with a further Collection: which if the Method had been Exact, many would haue despaired to attaine by Imitation. As for his Lordships loue of Order, I can referre any Man to his Lordships Latine Booke, *De Augmentis Scientiarum*; which (if my Iudgment be any thing) is written in the Exactest Order, that I know any Writing to bee. I will conclude with an vsuall Speech of his Lordships. That this VVorke of his *Naturall History*, is the *World*, as God made it, and not as Men haue made it; For that it hath nothing of Imagination.

W. Rawley.

After *Sylva Sylvarum* appeared in the same impreffion, the '*New Atlantis*, A Worke vnfinished,' respecting which Dr. Rawley thus writes *To the Reader*.

This *Fable* my Lord devised, to the end that He might exhibite therein, a *Modell* or *Description* of a *Colledge*, instituted for the *Interpreting* of *Nature*, and the Producing of *Great* and *Marueilous Works* for the *Benefit* of *Men*; Vnder the name of *Salomons House*, or the *Colledge of the Sixe Dayes Works*. And euen so farre his *Lordship* hath proceeded, as to finish that Part: Certainly, the *Modell* is more Vast, and High, than can possibly be imitated in all things. Notwithstanding most Things therein are within Mens Power to effect. His *Lordship* thought also in this present *Fable*, to haue composed a *Frame* of *Larues*, or of the *best State* or *Mould* of a *Common-wealth*; But foreseeing it would be a long *Worke*, his Desire of Collecting the *Naturall History* diuerted him, which He preferred many degrees before it.

This *Worke* of the *New Atlantis* (as much as concerneth the *English Edition*) his *Lordship* designed for this Place; In regard it hath so neare affinity (in one Part of it) with the Preceding *Naturall History*.

W. Rawley.

3. We have thought thus much—and we would suggest that every clause and statement quoted should be thoroughly considered—concerning Bacon's Life and Operations, indispensible to a fair consideration of these Essays. For they formed no essential part of his work; they entered not into his conceptions of the proficiency and advancement of knowledge. Like his *History of Henry VII.*, written at the request of King James, and his intended *History of Henry VIII.*, which he promised to Prince Charles; these Counsels are by-works of his life, the labours, as it were, of his left hand; his right being occupied in grasping the Instauration.

It was indeed the continued success of the small tract of 1597, containing a nearly equal number of Essays and Sacred Meditations, that recommended this form of writing to their author's attention; and induced him—writing rapidly in such few moments as he could spare from the avocations of his legal, political, and court life; or the more engrossing revolvency of his Philosophy—to increase them both in number and weight. So in the midst of many other writings they were incessantly corrected and added to, until in the Latin edition of 1638, they assumed their final shape, in that language, in which he thought they might 'last as long as Bookes last.'

4. What kind of writing is an Essay? A question somewhat hard precisely to answer. Usually we are taught that the word Essay (from the French *Essayer*) is synonymous with Assay or Trial-Examination, and equivalent to Attempt. The word, however, both in its earliest and more recent use, is really but a modest depreciation of a man's own Opinions and Reflections. So that, though he should give you his keenest observation, his ripest thought, his clearest utterance; he disclaims their intrinsic importance and value, and bids you take them but for simple Attempts. The word itself has nothing necessarily to do with any specific manner of the writing. Montaigne, Bacon, and Addison, were Master-Essayists; yet their compositions are wholly unlike in style and form.

The vagueness of the name, Essays, has led in recent times to the use of a number of sectional sub-titles. Essays in Philosophy are known as Dissertations or Treatises; Essays in Science as Papers; Essays in Criticism as Reviews; and Essays in Politics as Articles. All these, however, do separate themselves from the true Essay, which seems to be more especially connected as to its subject with Literature and Human Nature. There is also about an Essay a certain good-humoured steadiness quite separating it from Squibs, Skits, and such like; and from bitterness and satire of all kinds. So its weakness is a liability to a wordy dulness; and it requires the hand of a Master for the smooth strong writing of a good Essay.

As regards the substance of an Essay, Bacon's own definition 'disperſed meditations,' may be accepted as true; using Meditation in its *full* sense of 'conſiderate fixed contemplation,' the going round about a thing, observing its various aspects and prospects.

Of the three writers, Montaigne, Bacon, and Addison; the last is by far the most perfect Essayist. For an Essay is a thing to rest in, just as an Heroic Poem is a thing to soar with. It consists of thought circumscribed to one principal subject. It should be moderately short, concatenated in thought, and modestly illuminated with fancy and illustration. Above all, and this is half the matter, it should be set forth with the greatest possible clearness of expression, the utmost attainable charm of good writing. Some of Addison's papers in the *Spectator* afford examples of the highest finish and skill in English Essay writing.

The present Edition, by fixing the latest date assignable for its composition, to every portion of these Essays, explains a certain incongruity of style between many of them, by showing the change that supervened in Bacon's manner of writing them. Of this, the following points may be briefly noted.

a. The composition, correction, and augmentation of these Essays stretched over a period of thirty years. They were commenced under Elizabeth, increased under James I., and assumed their final shape under Charles I. An Author rarely maintains one style for so long a period, let him write much or little. The ordinary changes and vicissitudes of private life tell on us all, and our expression brightens or beclouds, as our years wane. To this must be added the great toil, drive, and occupation of Bacon's public life: and the vast burden of the New Philosophy that constantly rested on his spirit. The marvel is that he ever found time to write the Essays at all.

b. Bacon tells us in *Adv. of Learning*. ii. fol. 20. Ed. 1605. that "In Philosophy, the contemplations of Man doe either penetrate *unto God*, or are circumſerred to *Nature*, or are reflected or reuerted vpon *himſelfe*. Out of which ſeueral inquiries, there doe ariſe three knowledges, DIVINE PHILOSOPHY, NATURAL PHILOSOPHY, and HUMANE PHILOSOPHY or HUMANITIE. For all things are marked and stamped with this triple Character of the power of God, the difference of Nature, and the vse of Man." These Essays in their method and form are simply the turning of his system of investigating Nature vpon Humanity and Society.

c. The *ſeuerall* Essays are not true Essays. They are ſeuerally a ſucceſſe

sion of the sharpest Aphorisms, each isolated from the other with a ¶, and otherwise independent. They are devoid of quotation, illustration, and almost of explanation: and appear like a series of oracular sentences.

d. When Bacon, after an interval of fifteen years, came to revise this First text, it was chiefly to expand, qualify, or illustrate it. The additions of absolute new thought are not numerous. But in the second and further revision of 1625, he almost doubled these earliest Essays in length.

e. A striking change in the writing meets us as we come to his second Essay, *Of Friendship*, at p. 163, which is the first specimen herein of the final style of 1625. That Essay represents Bacon's last manner, and all the other Essays, in their successive alterations, do but more or less approximate to it. The Essay is now a methodical Discourse, generally under two or three heads. It usually begins with a quotation or an apothegm. It teems with allusions and quotations, with anecdote and repartee: and altogether is a very brilliant piece of writing. Still, however, it is a succession of distinct points, rather than a ramble round one topic.

Thus, much as to the ripening and enrichment of the style, may suffice.

Bacon addressed these Counsels, more perhaps than any other of his writings, immediately and directly to his Contemporaries. Think who these included. We cannot stop to enumerate them. From Burleigh to Selden, from Spenser to Milton, they comprised the brightest and greatest intellects of England. It was the golden Age of our National History:

a Writing for his contemporaries, Bacon naturally appealed to phenomena as it was then accounted for. Indeed, he was in this respect somewhat behind the times: for Archbishop Whately asserts [*Essays*, p. xiv. *Ed.* 1856], that he appears to have rejected the discoveries of Copernicus and Galileo: and it is certainly noteworthy how cautiously he refers to the celestial *Primum Mobile*, leaving it an open question. And so generally: Bacon's argument or counsel is often felicitously true, when the fact adduced in its conclusive proof is now known to be false. As for instance, 'ashes are more generative than dust,' p. 249, that 'out of question' (Astronomy was decidedly his weak point, as human life and character was his strong one) Comets affect 'the grosse and masse of Things,' p. 571. His adducing, as evidence worthy to be considered, the preposterous assertion of an Astrologer, p. 569; and the like.

b. The Essays are an excellent Land Mark in the Constitutional History of England. It helps us towards an understanding of the political system under which our country was ruled under the two first Stuarts, and which but for the Long Parliament, would certainly have drifted on, until England had been made like France came to be under Louis XIV. and his successor. It is startling to hear him so constantly talk of the entire State, as the King's *Estate*, as a nobleman's park might be; it is curious, in a book dedicated to the reigning Favorite, to hear his defence of Favorites, p. 227, and also to mark his instructions, how the King was to suck the brains of his Counsellors, and then palm all off as his own, p. 317; to note his denunciation of Cabinet Councils, p. 319, (a name since applied to a different kind of assembly;) to see him thinking so late as 1625, that there was little danger to a King, from the Commons, and not much danger from the Gentry, p. 307. He seems not to have conceived the possibility of the coming of the English Commonwealth. Thus these Counsels do reflect in many things the times in which they were written.

c. Again, many of these Essays should be read in connection with Macchiavelli's *Discourses upon Livy's First Decade*, which appears to have been a favourite political work with Bacon. The last one *Of Vicissitudes of Things* seems to have altogether suggested by Chap 5, Book 11, of that work, the title of which is, *That the changes of Religion and Languages, together with the changes of floods and pestilence, abolish the memory of things.*

7. There is however a large permanent element in these Essays—that will remain a monument 'more durable than brass':

applicable to all ages, because manhood alters not, and ever fresh and sparkling as when first written.

a. An excellence that meets us at once is the subtle mastery of words, the singular beauty of the imagery and similitudes, just as he begins *The Advancement of Learning*. 'In the entrance to the former of these; to clear the way, and as it were to *make silence*:' so among many others we have in this work, 'Imitation is a *globe* of precepts,' *p.* 'Atheists will ever be talking of that their opinion, as if they *fainted* in it,' *p.* And the like.

Great attention is to be paid to all his words, for their fulness of meaning adds much to the pleasure of the Essays.

b. Consider the infinite *variety* of the thought. Nothing can give us a better idea of his powers, than to realize that Bacon's daily thought was just like these Essays, and his Apothegms. Dr. Rawley states *with what celerity he wrote I can testify*.

c. The general *depth* of the thought. Some phrases seem to be a chapter in themselves. As quoting at random, 'to dash the first Table, against the second; And so to consider men as Christians, as we forget that they are men,' at *p.* 431, is a whole argument for toleration; his anatomy of a cunning and rotten man, at *p.* 105: his exquisite summary of our Saviour's miracles at *p.* 101: and so on *ad infinitum*.

Next comes the testimony of the book to Bacon's moral character.

a. It is contrary to human nature, that one in whose mind such thoughts as these coursed, year after year, only becoming more excellent as he grew older, could have been a bad man. Do men gather grapes of thorns? Be all the facts of his legal career what they may, and it is that section of his life mostly includes any discredit to him: (he was also a Philosopher, Historian, that Essayist, Politician, and what not?) the testimony of this one work, agreeing as it does with the tenour of all his other writings is irresistible, that in the general plan of his purposes and acts, he intended nothing less, nothing else than to be 'Partaker of God's Theater, and so likewise to be partaker of God's Rest,' *p.* 183. Can we accuse one who so scathes Hypocrites and Imposters, Cunning and Self-wisdom, of having a corrupted and depraved nature? For strength of Moral Power, there is no greater work in the English language.

b. More than this, (it is notable also as a testimony to his character,) there runs right through all an unfeigned reverence for Holy Scripture, not only as a Revelation of Authority, but as itself the greatest written Wisdom. Not because it was so easy to quote, but because it was so fundamentally and everlastingly true, did this great Intellect search the Bible as a great storehouse of Civil and Moral, as well as Religious Truths, and so Bacon is another illustration, with Socrates, Plato, Dante, Shakespeare, Milton and others, that a deep religious feeling is a necessity to the very highest order of human mind. As he argues at *p.* 339, *Man, when he resteth and assureth himselfe vpon diuine Protection and Fauour, gathereth a Force and Faith; which Human Nature, in it selfe, could not obtaine.*

8. We have glanced at the connection of this work with Bacon's life and pursuits. We have noticed the change of style perceivable in these Essays. We have touched upon their localism of time and place. We have noted one or two of their permanent constituents; and marked their testimony to Bacon's character.

Here most reluctantly we must leave off, ere we have hardly begun. One parting word. We rise from the study of this work with a higher reverence than ever for its Author; and with the certain conviction that the Name and Fame of Francis Bacon will ever increase and extend through successive ages.

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Order of this Edition.	No.	1 I. 1597.	2 II. 1598.	3 III. 1606.	4 IV. 1612.	5 1612.	6 1613.	7 Italian 1618.	8 French 1619.	9 Italian 1621.	10 French 1621.	11 1624.	12 V. 1625.	17 VI. 1638.
FIRST GROUP.														
1. <i>Of Studies.</i>	1	1	1	1	29	1	29	23	29	26	26	29	50	48
2. <i>Of Discourse.</i>	2	2	2	2	2	2	19	13	19	16	16	19	32	32
3. <i>Of Ceremonies and Respects.</i>	3	3	3	3	3	3	30	27	30	27	27	50	52	50
4. <i>Of Followers and Friends.</i>	4	4	4	4	4	4	32	29	32	20	29	32	48	46
5. <i>Of Suitors.</i>	5	5	5	5	5	5	31	28	31	28	28	31	49	47
6. <i>Of Expense.</i>	6	6	6	6	18	6	18	15	13	15	15	18	28	28
7. <i>Of Regiment of Health.</i> . .	7	7	7	7	17	7	17	14	17	14	14	17	30	30
8. <i>Of Honour and Reputation</i>	8	8	8	8	39	8	39	35	39	35	35	39	55	53
9. <i>Of Faction.</i>	9	9	9	9	34	9	34	36	34	36	36	34	51	49
10. <i>Of Negotiating.</i>	10	10	10	10	33	10	33	30	33	30	30	33	47	45
SACRED MEDITATIONS. . . .	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	—	Yes	—	—	Yes	—	—
COLOURS OF GOOD AND EVIL. .	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	—	Yes	—	—	Yes	—	—
SECOND GROUP.														
11. <i>Of Friendship.</i>	—	—	—	—	13	23	13	11	13	11	11	13	27	27
12. <i>Of Wisdom for a Man's Self.</i>	—	—	—	—	16	26	16	13	16	13	13	16	23	23
13. <i>Of Nobility.</i>	—	—	—	—	7	17	7	5	7	5	5	7	14	14
14. <i>Of Goodness & Goodness, &c.</i>	—	—	—	—	3	13	3	3	3	1	1	3	13	13
15. <i>Of Beauty.</i>	—	—	—	—	24	31	24	21	24	21	21	24	43	41
16. <i>Of Seeming Wise.</i>	—	—	—	—	20	27	20	17	20	17	17	20	26	26
17. <i>Of Ambition.</i>	—	—	—	—	22	29	22	19	22	19	16	22	36	35
18. <i>Of Riches.</i>	—	—	—	—	21	28	21	18	21	18	18	21	34	34
19. <i>Of Despatch.</i>	—	—	—	—	11	21	11	9	11	9	9	11	25	25
20. <i>Of Deformity.</i>	—	—	—	—	25	32	25	22	25	22	22	25	42	42
21. <i>Of Youth and Age.</i>	—	—	—	—	23	30	23	20	23	20	20	23	44	40
22. <i>Of Marriage and Single Life.</i>	—	—	—	—	5	15	5	3	5	3	3	5	8	8
23. <i>Of Parents and Children.</i> .	—	—	—	—	6	16	6	4	6	4	4	6	7	7
24. <i>Of Great Place.</i>	—	—	—	—	8	18	8	6	8	6	6	8	11	11
25. <i>Of Empire.</i>	—	—	—	—	9	19	9	7	9	7	7	9	19	19
26. <i>Of Counsel.</i>	—	—	—	—	10	20	10	8	10	8	8	10	20	20

27. <i>Of Atheism.</i>	14	24	14	12	12	14	16	15
28. <i>Of Superstition.</i>	15	25	15	—	—	15	17	17
29. <i>Of Praise.</i>	35	36	35	31	31	35	53	51
30. <i>Of Nature in Men.</i>	30	33	35	23	23	26	38	36
31. <i>Of Custom and Education.</i>	31	34	27	24	24	27	39	37
32. <i>Of Fortune.</i>	32	35	28	25	25	28	40	38
33. <i>Of Death.</i>	33	12	2	37	37	2	2	2
34. <i>Of Seditions and Troubles.</i>	34	—	—	38	38	—	15	15
THIRD GROUP.								
35. <i>Of [Unity in] Religion.</i>	1	11	1	—	—	1	3	3
36. <i>Of Cunning.</i>	4	14	4	2	2	4	22	22
37. <i>Of Love.</i>	12	22	12	10	10	12	10	10
38. <i>Of Judicature.</i>	36	37	36	32	32	36	56	54
39. <i>Of Vain Glory.</i>	37	38	37	33	33	37	54	52
40. <i>Of Greatness of Kingdoms.</i>	38	39	38	34	34	38	29	29
FOURTH GROUP.								
41. <i>Of Truth.</i>	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
42. <i>Of Revenge.</i>	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	4
43. <i>Of Adversity.</i>	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	5
44. <i>Of Simulation, &c.</i>	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	6
45. <i>Of Envy.</i>	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	9
46. <i>Of Boldness.</i>	—	—	—	—	—	—	12	12
47. <i>Of Travel.</i>	—	—	—	—	—	—	18	18
48. <i>Of Delays.</i>	—	—	—	—	—	—	21	21
49. <i>Of Innovations.</i>	—	—	—	—	—	—	24	24
50. <i>Of Suspicion.</i>	—	—	—	—	—	—	31	31
51. <i>Of Plantations.</i>	—	—	—	—	—	—	33	33
52. <i>Of Prophecies.</i>	—	—	—	—	—	—	35	—
53. <i>Of Masques and Triumphs.</i>	—	—	—	—	—	—	37	—
54. <i>Of Usury.</i>	—	—	—	—	—	—	41	39
55. <i>Of Building.</i>	—	—	—	—	—	—	45	43
56. <i>Of Gardens.</i>	—	—	—	—	—	—	46	44
57. <i>Of Anger.</i>	—	—	—	—	—	—	57	55
58. <i>Of Vicissitude of Things.</i>	—	—	—	—	—	—	58	56
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1 vol. 8vo. by W. A. WRIGHT, M.A. [Text 1625, with Text 1597 in an Appendix.] *A most excellent edition: the briefest but most erudite of notes, which will facilitate the labours of all future editors, and to which I gratefully acknowledge my own indebtedness.*

74. 1863. London. 1 vol. 8vo. *Second edition of No. 71.*
 76. 1865. London. 1 vol. 8vo. *Third edition of No. 71.*
 77. 1867. London. 1 vol. 8vo. *Fourth edition of No. 71.*
 79. 1868. London. 1 vol. 8vo. *Fifth edition of No. 71.*

C. Essays, *with both Sacred Meditations
and Colours of Good and Evil.*

15. 1634. London. The *Essaies of S. Francis Bacon Knight, the King's
Attorney Generall* [! *The Ex-Lord Chancellor had been
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of Perswasion and Disswasion. *Seene and allowed.* Printed
at London by I. D. for *Elizabeth Iaggard*, at the hand
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 80. 1871. JULY 1. London 1 vol. 8vo. *English Reprints.* See title at p. i.
*We have been much surprised to find that the present Re-
print—the only one in recent times containing all that
Bacon himself separately published in connection with
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Meditations—apart from any collection of his works—
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D. Essays, *with Wisdom of the Ancients.*

English.

59. 1845. London. The Essays or Counsels, Civil and Moral, and Wisdom
1 vol. 8vo. of the Ancients. Ed. by BASIL MONTAGU.
 65. 1857. [1856.] London. The Essays or Counsels, Civil and Moral, with
1 vol. 8vo. the Wisdom of the Ancients. Ed. by S. W. SINGER, F.S.A.

E. Essays, *with both Colours of Good and Evil
and Wisdom of the Ancients.*

English.

- *24. 1664. London. 1 vol. *Lowndes.*
 26. 1668. London. The Essays or Counsels, Civil and Moral, with The
1 vol. 12mo. Colours of Good and Evil and The Wisdom of the Ancients.
*Apparently a re-issue, with an altered date, of No. 24,
as the Imprimatur is dated June 6, 1663.*
 27. 1669. London. *A re-issue of the previous article with an altered date.*
1 vol. 12mo.
 30. 1691. London. The Essays or Counsels, Civil and Moral . . .
1 vol. 8vo. With a Table of the Colours of Good and Evil. Whereunto
is added The Wisdom of the Ancients. Enlarged by the
Honourable Author himself, and now more Exactly Pub-
lished.
 32. 1701. London. *A Reprint of No. 30.*
1 vol. 8vo. 'To this edition is added the Character of Queen Eliza-
beth; never before Printed in English.' [This is an in-
correct claim: it had already so appeared in 'Resusci-
tatio,' 1657.]

F. Essays, *with The Advancement of Learning.*

- *56. 1840. London. Essays with Advancement of Learning. With illus-
1 vol. 8vo. trations. *Eug. Cat.*

G. Essays, *with the Apophthegmes.*

48. 1819. London. Essays, Moral, Economical, and Political
1 vol. 12mo.

H. Colours of Good and Evil, *with other pieces.*

French.

20. 1640. Paris. *L'Artisan de la Fortune, &c.* Translated by I. BAUDOIN [? BAUDOVIN] *Ses Sophismes ou les apparences du Bien, et du Mal*, occupy pp. 223-288.
 1 vol. 12mo.
44. 1802-3. London. The Miscellaneous Writings, &c. Vol. i. includes 2 vols. 8vo. *Colours of Good and Evil.*

III. WITH COLLECTIONS OF LORD BACON'S WORKS.

A. PARTIAL COLLECTIONS.

Latin.

17. 1638. London. *Operum Moralium et Civilium* . . . Tomus. Ed. 1 vol. fol. by RAWLEY, D.D. *The standard Latin text. It contains only 56 Essays: Of Prophecies and Of Masques and Triumphs not being included in this Translation.*
25. 1665 [1664] Frankfort. *Opera Omnia*, &c. Ed. by J. B. SCHON-1 vol. fol. WETTER.

French.

16. 1637. Paris. *Les Œuvres Morales et Politiques.* Translated by I. BAUDOIN. 56 *Essays* occupy pp. 1-332. Of Superstition and Of Religion are not translated.

English.

84. 1723. London. The Philosophical Works of Francis Bacon. Methodized and made English, from the Originals, by PETER SHAW, M.D. Supplement 11 contained in Vol. iii., pp. 63-164, consists of '*Interiora Rerum* or *Essays*.'
 3 vols. 4to. These are grouped into three classes, viz., *Essays on Moral Subjects*, on *Economical Subjects*, and on *Political Subjects*, and are stated to be "enrich'd by the Addition of several Pieces, originally written in LATIN, by the Author, and never translated into English." *The reader will be surprised to find that these 'Pieces' are the 'Sacred Meditations,' already printed several times in English.*
43. 1802. London. The Works, &c. Besides the '*Essays*,' lix. 270, and 4 vols. 8vo. '*Cols. of Good and Evil*,' ii. 90-15, this edition consists of a '*Miscellany of Lord Bacon's productions*:' principally of a translation of the *Novum Organum*.
61. 1852. London. *Bohn's Standard Library.* The Moral and Historical 1 vol. 8vo. Works of Lord Bacon. Ed. by JOSEPH DEVEY, M.A.

B. COMPLETE COLLECTIONS.

These began in 1730. Since then there have only been attempted until now Six distinct Texts of the collected Writings of the great Philosopher. Each of them has been a vast improvement upon what had gone before; until in the life-work of Mr Spedding and his coadjutors, we know Lord Bacon as our forefathers never did, and even better than his own contemporaries.

All these Collections are of course in Latin=English.

85. 1730. London. OPERA OMNIA, &c. Ed. by JOHN BLACKBOURNE. 4 vols. fol. *This is the first of what we may be termed the modern editions. It has the three dedications (1) to Anthony Bacon, 1597; (2) to Sir John Constable, 1612; and (3) the*

Duke of Buckingham, 1625. Text 1625. There are 60 Numbered Essays. The spurious Of a King being No. 14, and Of Fame, being No. 60.

ESS. occupy iii. 299-383. MED. SACRÆ ii. 396-403. COLS. of G. and E. iii. 384-395. SAC. MED. and SER. FID. do not occur in this edition.

37. 1740. London. WORKS, &c. With several additional Pieces never before printed in any Edition of his Works. To which is prefixed a new life of the author. [by DAVID MALLETT.] 4 vols. fol.

The Second Collected Text. It was published by Subscription both in Small and Large Paper. It has the 3 Dedications: and embraces 60 unnumbered Essays. Text 1625, with Of a King and Of Fame in the same position as in previous edition.

ESS. occupy iii. 299-383. COLS. of G. and E., iii. 384-393. MED. SACRÆ, ii. 396-403. No SAC. MED. nor SER. FID.

38. 1753. London. WORKS, &c. A new edition. [Also edited by MALLETT.] 3 vols. fol. *The Third Collected Text, and the last edition in folio.*

3 Deds. Text 1625. 58 numbered Essays: Of a King, and Of Fame are unnumbered at the end. Also Text 1638.

ESS. occupy i. 377-447. SER. FID. iii. 623-682. MED. SACRÆ, iii. 744-748. COLS. OF G. AND E. i. 365-375. No SAC. MED.

39. 1765. London. WORKS. [The English Part edited by Rev. JOHN GAMBOLD; the Latin by W. BOWYER: Lowndes.] *The Fourth Collected Text and the first in 4to. As this edition was the standard one for upwards of 60 years, it may be advisable to quote thus much from the Advertisement:*

"Two Gentlemen, now deceased, Robert Stephens, Esq., Historiographer Royal, and John Locker, Esq., Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries, both of whom had made a particular Study of Lord Bacon's Writings, and a great Object of their Industry the correcting from original or authentic Manuscripts, and the earliest and best Editions, whatever of his Works had been already published, and adding to them such, as could be recovered, that had never seen the Light.

Mr. Stephens dying in November, 1732, his Papers came into the hands of Mr. Locker, whose Death, on the 30th of May 1760, prevented the World from enjoying the Fruits of his Labours, tho' he had actually finished his Correction of the fourth Volume of Mr. Blackburne's Edition, containing the Law-Tracts, Letters, &c. After his Decease his Collections, including those of Mr. Stephens's, were purchased by Dr. Birch, the use of which he is glad of this Opportunity of giving to the Public."

3 Dedications, Text 1625. 58 Essays. Of a King, and Of Fame are at the end, unnumbered. Also Text 1638.

ESS. occupy i. 445-527. SER. FID. v. 347-432. MED. SACRÆ. v. 525-531. COLS. OF G. AND E. i. 435-444. The SAC. MED. do not occur.

40. 1778. London. THE WORKS, &c. A Re-issue of 1765 Edition, No. 5 vols. 4to. 39, and the last in 4to.

44. 1803. London. THE WORKS, &c. A Reprint of 1765 Edition, No. 39. 10 vols. 8vo. *The first Edition in Octavo.*

47. 1819. London. THE WORKS, &c. A Reprint of 1803 Edition, No. 10 vols. 8vo. 44, which is a Reprint of 1765. No. 39.

49. 1824. London. THE WORKS, &c. A Reprint of 1803 Edition. So that even so late as this, there was nothing more than the information and criticism of 1765.

51. 1825-36. London. THE WORKS. &c. With a new life. Ed. by BASIL MONTAGUE.
17 vols. 8vo.

This is the Fifth Collected Text in the sequence of time, and is the one which Lord Macaulay reviewed in the Edinburgh Review of July 1837.

55. 1838. London. Works both English and Latin. Graesse.
2 vols. 8vo.

57. 1842. Philadelphia. 3 vols. 8vo. *A Reprint of No. 51.*

67. 1857-1862. London. *The Works, &c.*
7 vols. 8vo. Ed. by JAMES SPEDDING, R. L. ELLIS, D. D. HEATH.
The Sixth Collected Text, and when completed will be by far the most complete edition in existence. A work that is an honour to our generation. Mr. Spedding is now writing Lord Bacon's 'Life and Letters' as a complement to this edition.

Latin.

- *28. 1684. Amsterdam. 6 vols. 12mo. OPERA OMNIA. Graesse. *Tre-
sor de Livres rares et précieux.* Ed. 1859.
*31. 1695. Amsterdam. 6 vols. 12mo. OPERA OMNIA. Graesse.
*36. 1730. Amsterdam. 7 vols. 12mo. OPERA OMNIA. Graesse.

French.

- *53. 1835. Paris. ŒUVRES. Ed. by N. BOUILLET and GARNIER.
54. 1836. Paris. *Panthéon Littéraire.* ŒUVRES, &c. Ed. by J. P. A.
1 vol. 8vo. BUCHON. 57 *Essays of Text* 1625.

Portuguese.

- *? 1731. London. Obras Philosophicas Translated by JAC. CASTRO DE
3 vols. 4to. SARMENTO.

V. ISSUES WITH WORKS OF OTHER WRITERS.

A. With Locke's 'Conduct of the Understanding.'

46. 1813. London. *British Classics.* The Conduct of the Understanding
1 vol. 12mo. *with Essays Moral, Economical, and Political.*
58. 1844. New York. *Harper's Family Library.* Essays, Moral,
1 vol. 12mo. Economical, and Political, &c., *with John Locke's Con-
duct of the Understanding.* With an Introductory Essay
by A. POTTER, D.D.
72. [1862.] Edinburgh. Bacon's *Essays and Locke's Conduct of the Un-
derstanding.* 1 vol. 8vo.

B. With other Writings.

62. 1853. London. *The Universal Library.* Division V. vol. i. contains
8vo. The *Essays.* Text 1625.

VI. IN EXTRACTS, SELECTIONS, &C., OF LORD BACON'S WORKS.

English.

73. [1863.] London. *The Wisdom of the Fathers.* Selections from the
1 vol. 8vo. Writings of Lord Bacon. 26 of the *Essays are printed in
this work.*

Mexican.

52. 1832. Mexico. *Pensamientos Filosóficos.* Extracts from 26 of the
1 vol. 4to. Essays translated by J. M. FORNEL.

LIST OF TEXTS OF ESSAYS FORMING THIS HARMONY.

TEXT I. 1597. *Editio princeps*: see title at p. 3.

TEXT II. 1598. Second edition.

Same contents as Text I. The variations are trifling, chiefly typographical.

TEXT III. 1607-12. *Harleian MS.* 5106: see title p. 157.

Mr. Spedding states that "the earliest evidence of additions and alterations which I have met with, is contained in a volume preserved among the Harleian MSS. in the British Museum, No. 5106; a volume undoubtedly authentic, for it contains interlineations in Bacon's own hand; and transcribed some time between 1607, when Bacon became Solicitor-general, and 1612, when he brought out a new edition of the Essays with further additions and alterations."—*Works*. vi. 535, *Ed.* 1858.

With the view of ensuring a perfectly accurate reprint, my friend Charles Trice Martin, Esq., B.A., of the Public Record Office has kindly corrected this text with the original MS.

TEXT IV. 1612. *Second Revised Text*: see title at p. 419.

This edition is distinguished by great absence of capital letters. It almost reads like a modern book. It does not include *Of Honour and Reputation*, already printed in Texts I. and II., or *Of Seditions and Troubles*, which had been begun in Text III.

TEXT V. 1625. *Final English Edition*: see title at p. 497.

This impression is disfigured by a perfect eruption of capital letters, and is often cut up into almost inch lengths with commas. It contains all the 40 Essays of the three previous Texts, together with 18 new ones. Minute differences in spelling exist between different copies of this Edition. The Museum copy here reprinted has the Press-mark 721. e. 9.

TEXT VI. 1638. *Posthumous Latin Edition*. Ed. by Dr. Rawley. *Operum Civilium et Moralium* *Tomus*.

However the omission in this Text of two of the Essays, *Of Prophecies* and *Of Masques and Triumphs* may be accounted for: it is clear that when Bacon penned his dedication to Buckingham, see p. 498, this Latin version was virtually completed. "My *Historie of the Seventh* (which I have now also translated into Latin)" with Dr. Rawley's express statement at p. xiv, and its inclusion by him in the text of Bacon's *true* works at the end of *Resuscitatio*, sufficiently prove this. Lord Bacon seems to have thought that the English editions would all perish; but that the 'Latine Volume' would 'last as long as Books last.' It is therefore to be looked upon as the final expression of his mind, his last appeal to future ages."

It has been customary to look upon Text V. as the standard one; and to regard all variations from it in this version as so many mistranslations and the like. To some extent this may be true; and Text V. is no doubt the main one: but Bacon—as he once more, and this time, with some sense of finality—went over the Essays, added and varied incessantly. Mr. Martin has noted and translated all the important variations in the fifty-six Essays common to the two editions; and these, amounting to over 1900 in number, have been incorporated in the footnotes of this edition.

These last touches throw a flood of light upon the meaning of the Essays, and endue each page with a separate interest, special to itself. Bacon strove after the briefest expression possible to him, and freely used the strongest English idiom of his day: so that while his contemporaries saw more than they read; posterity does not attain, with equal facility, to his full meaning. He had also great delight in imagery and metaphors, and sometimes used English words of Latin derivation in their original Latin sense as if he often thought in that language, as 'obnoxious' for 'deferential' (*obnoxius*) and the like. In the translation, the equivalents for the English idiom or the imagery had of course been given literally: and thus, the superlative value of this Text consists in its preserving in a dead and unvarying language, Bacon's authorized equivalents of the fluctuating English of his time.

Nor is this all, the variations include additions, omissions, and vital alterations that could not have been made without Bacon's own sanction. The guarantee of this—apart from the intrinsic mind in them—is Dr. Rawley's faithfulness.

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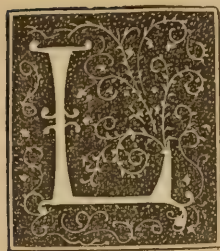
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To M. Anthony Bacon
his deare Brother.



Ouing and beloued Brother, I doe nowe like some that haue an Orcharde ill neighbored, that gather their fruit before it is ripe, to preuent stealing. These fragments of my conceites were going to print ; To labour the staie of them had bin troublesome, and subiect to interpretation ; to let them passe had beene to aduenture the wrong they mought receiue by vntrue Coppies, or by some garnishment, which it mought please any that should set them forth to bestow vpon them. Therefore I helde it best discreation to publish them my selfe as they passed long agoe from my pen, without any further disgrace, then the weaknesse of the Author. And as I did euer hold, there mought be as great a vanitie in retiring and withdrawing mens conceites (except they bee of some nature) from the world, as in obtruding them : So in these particulars I haue played my selfe the Inquisitor, and find nothing to my vnderstanding in them contrarie or infectious to the state of Religion, or manners, but rather (as I suppose) medicinable. Only I disliked now to put them out because they will bee like the late new halfe-pence, which though the Siluer were good, yet the peeces were small. But since they would not stay with their Master, but would needes trauaile abroad, I haue preferred them to you that are next my selfe, Dedicating them, such as they are, to our loue, in the depth whereof (I assure you) I sometimes wish your infirmities translated vpon my selfe, that her Maiestie mought haue the seruice of so actiue and able a mind, and I mought be with excuse confined to these contemplations and Studies for which I am fittest, so commend I you to the preferuation of the diuine Maiestie. From my Chamber at Graies Inne this 30. of Ianuarie. 1597.

Your entire Louing brother. Fran. Bacon.

Eſſaies.*

1. *Of ſtudie.*
2. *Of diſcourſe.*
3. *Of Ceremonies and reſpects.*
4. *Of followers and friends.*
5. *Sutors.†*
6. *Of expence.*
7. *Of Regiment of health.*
8. *Of Honour and reputation.*
9. *Of Faction.*
10. *Of Negotiating.*

* In the 1598 Edition, the Contents precede 'The Epistle Dedicatorie.

† Of Sutors, in 1598 Edition.

I. & II. 1597-8. æt. 37-8.

For variations of II., see footnotes.

[1.] Of Studies.

Studies serue for
pastimes,¹ for
ornaments,² and
for abilities,³

Pro Their chiefe vse for pas-
time is in priuatenes
and retiring,⁴ for ornamente
is in discourse,⁵ and for
abilitie is in iudgement.⁶

A. For expert men can exe-
cute,

but learned men are fittest
to iudge or censure.

Can. ¶ To spend too much time
in them is slouth,¹ to vse
them too much for orna-
ment is affectation,² to
make iudgement wholly
by their rules, is the
humour of a Scholler.³

¶ They perfect Nature, and
are perfected by ex-
perience.

III. 1607-12. æt. 47-52.

Harleian MS. 5106.

11. Of Studies.

Studies serue for
Pastymes, for
Ornamentes, and
for Abilites.Theire cheif vse for Pas-
tyme is in Privatenes
and retyreing; for Ornament
is in Discourse, and for
Abillity is in Iudgement.For expert Men cann exe-
cute,but learned Men are fittest
to iudge, or censure.To spend too much tyme
in them is *Sloth*, to vse
them too much for orna-
ment, is affectacion, to
make Iudgment wholly
by theire rules, is the
humor of a S[c]holler.They perfect *Nature*, and
are perfected by *Ex-
perience*.

VI. Variations in posthumous Latin Edition of 1638.

¹ TITLE. *De Studiis, et Lectione Librorum*, 'of studies and the reading of books.'² Studies. *Studia, et Lectiones Librorum*, 'studies and the reading of books.'³ Delight. *Meditationum Voluptati*, 'for delight in meditation.'⁴ Ornament. *Orationis Ornamento*, 'ornament of discourse.'⁵ Ability. *Negotiorum Subsidio*, 'assistance in business.'

IV. 1612. æt. 52.

29. Of Studies.

Studies serue for Delight, for Ornament, and for Ability; their chiefe vse for delight, is, in priuatnesse, and retiring; for ornament, is in discourse, and for abilitie, is in iudgement.

For expert men can execute,

but learned men are fittest to iudge or censure.

To spend too much time in them, is *Sloth*; to vse them too much for ornament, is *affectation*; to make iudgement wholly by their rules, is the *humour of a Scholer*.

They perfect *Nature*, and are perfected by Experience.

V. 1625. æt. 65.

British Museum Copy.

50. Of Studies.¹

Studies² serue for Delight,³ for Ornament,⁴ and for Ability.⁵

Their Chiefe Vse for Delight, is in Priuatnesse and Retiring; For Ornament, is in Discourse;⁶ And for Ability, is in the Iudgement and Disposition of *Businesse*.

For Expert Men can Execute, and perhaps Iudge of particulars, 'one by one; But the generall Counsels, and the Plots, and Marshalling of Affaires, come best from those that are *Learned*.

To spend too much Time in *Studies*, is Sloth⁸; To vse them too much for Ornament, is Affectation⁹; To make Iudgement wholly by their Rules is the Humour of a Scholler.¹⁰

They perfect *Nature*, and are perfected by Experience:

⁶ Discourse. *In Sermone tam Familiari, quam Solenni*, 'in discourse both friendly and formal.'

⁷ Iudge of particulars. *In specialibus, iudicio non malo utuntur*, 'and in particulars use no bad judgment.'

⁸ Sloth. *Speciosa quadam Socordia*, 'a kind of plausible sloth.'

⁹ Affectation. *Affectatio mera est, quæ seipsam prodit*; 'is mere affectation which betrays itself.'

¹⁰ Humour of a Scholler. *Scholam omnino sapit, nec bene succedit*. 'savours altogether of the school, and does not succeed well.'

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How of Study, etc. etc. etc.

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etc. etc. etc.

Love of Study

Key to the whole

I. & II. 1597-8. æt. 37-8. III. 1607-12. æt. 47-52.

¶ Craftie men contime*
them,¹ simple men admire
them,² † wise men vse
them.³

For they teach not their
owne vse, but that is a wise-
dome without them : and
about them wonne by ob-
seruation.

¶ Reade not to contradiçt,
nor to be-
lieue,

but to waigh
and consider.

¶ Some bookes are to bee
tasted,¹ others to bee swal-
lowed,² and some few to
bee chewed and digested³ :
That is, some bookes are
to be read only in partes,⁴
others to be read, but
curforily,⁵ and some few
to be read wholly and with
diligence and attention.⁶

Craftie Men contemne
them ; simple Men admire
them, and wise men vse
them :

Ffor they teach not their
owne vse, but that is a wise-
dome without them, and
above them won by ob-
seruacion.

Reade not to contradiçt,
nor to be-
leeve,

but to weighe
and Consider.

Some bookes are to be
tasted, others to be swal-
lowed, and some few to
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That is, some bookes are
to be reade onely in partes,
others to be read but not
curiously, and some few
to be read wholly, and with
dilligence, and attention.

* contemne, in 1598 edition.

† and, added in 1598 edition.

¹¹ Vse them. *Quantum par est*, 'as much as is right.'

¹² Confute. *Disputationum Præliis concertandi* ; 'engage in battles of discussion.'

IV. 1612. æt. 52

Crafty men contemne them, simple men admire them, and wise men vse them.

For they teach not their owne vse, but that is a wisdom without them, and aboue them, wonne by obseruation.

Read not to contradict, nor to beleue,

but to weigh and consider.

Some bookes are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested. That is, some bookes are to be read only in parts; other to be read, but not curiously; and some few to be read wholly, and with diligence, and attention.

V. 1625. æt. 65.

For Naturall Abilities, are like Naturall Plants, that need Proyning by Study: And *Studies* themselues, doe giue forth Directions too much at Large, except they be bounded in by experience.

Crafty Men Contemne *Studies*; Simple Men Admire them; and Wise Men Vse them:¹¹

For they teach not their owne Vse; But that is a Wisdom without them, and aboue them, won by Obseruation.

Reade not to Contradict, and Confute;¹² Nor to Beleue and Take for granted; Nor to Finde Talke and Discourse; But to weigh and Consider.¹³

Some *Bookes* are to be Tasted, Others to be Swallowed,¹⁴ and Some Few to be Chewed and Digested: That is, some *Bookes* are to be read onely in Parts; Others to be read but not Curiously;¹⁵ And some Few to be read wholly, and with Diligence and Attention.

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¹³ Weigh and Consider. *Ut addiscas, ponderes, et iudicio tuo aliquatenus utaris,* 'to learn, weigh, and use your judgment somewhat.'

¹⁴ Swallowed. *Deglutire, cursimque legere,* 'swallowed and read rapidly.'

¹⁵ Curiously. *Non multum temporis, in iisdem evolvendis, insumendum,* 'but not much time to be spent in turning them over.'

I. & II. 1597-8. æt. 37-8. III. 1607-12. æt. 47-52.

¶ Reading maketh a full man, conference a readye man, and writing an exacteman. And therefore if a man write little, he had neede haue a great memorie; if he conferre little, he had neede haue a present wit,* and if he reade little, he had neede haue much cunning, to seeme to know that he doth not.¹³

¶ Histories make men wise, Poets wittie: the Mathematickes subtile, naturall Phylosophie deepe: Morall graue, Logicke and Rhetoricke able to contend.

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Histories make men wise, *Poetts* wittie, the *Mathematicks* subtile, *Naturall Philosophie* deepe, *Morall* grave, *Logick* and *Rhetoricke* able to contend.

* if he confer little, haue a present wit, in 1598 edition.

¹⁶ Flashy. *Insipidi*, 'tasteless.'

¹⁷ Full man. *Copiosum et bene instructum*, 'full and well informed.'

¹⁸ Conference. *Disputationes et Colloquia*, 'discussions and conference.'

¹⁹ Ready. *Promptum et facilem*, 'ready and fluent.'

²⁰ Writing. *Scriptio autem, et Notarum Collectio*, 'writing, and the collection of notes.'

²¹ Exact Man. *Perlecta in animo imprim't, et altius figit*, 'prints what is read on the mind and fixes it deeper.'

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Reading maketh a full man, Conference a ready man, and writing an exact man. And therefore if a man write little, hee had neede haue a great memory; if he confer little, hee had neede haue a present wit, and if he read little, hee had neede haue much cunning, to seeme to know that hee doth not.

Histories make men wise, *Poets* wittie, the *Mathe-matickes* subtile, *Naturall Philosophie* deepe, *Morall graue*, *Logicke* and *Rhetoricke* able to contend. *Abeunt studia in mores.* Nay, there is no stond or

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Some *Bookes* also may be read by Deput^y, and Extracts made of them by Others: But that would be, onely in the lesse important Arguments, and the Meaner Sort of *Bookes*: else distilled *Bookes*, are like Common distilled Waters, Flashy¹⁶ things.

Reading maketh a Full man;¹⁷ Conference¹⁸ a Ready¹⁹ Man; And Writing²⁰ an Exact²¹ Man. And therefore, If a Man Write little,²² he had need haue a Great memory; If he Conferre little, he had need haue a Present Wit; And if he Reade litle, he had need haue much Cunning, to seeme to know that, he doth not.

Histories make men Wise; *Poets* Witty; The *Mathe-maticks* Subtile; *Naturall Philosophie* deepe; *Morall Graue*; *Logick* and *Rhetorick* Able to Contend.²³ *Abeunt studia in Mores.*²⁴ Nay there is no Stond²⁵ or

¹⁶ 'Manners are changed through studies.' Ovid, *Her.* xv. 83. Bacon's own paraphrase is, "Studies haue an influence and operation vpon the manners of those that are conversant in them." *Adv. of L. Bk. I. p. 13, Ed. 1605.*

²² Write little. *In notando, segnis sit, aut fastidiosus*, 'is slothful or averse to taking notes.'

²³ Able to Contend. *Pugnacem, et ad Contentiones alacrem*, 'pugnacious and ready for contention.'

²⁴ *Ut ait ille.* 'as he says.'

²⁵ Stond. Omitted in the Latin.

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²⁶ Impediment. *Impedimentum aliquod insitum, aut naturale*, 'any im-
planted or natural impediment.'

²⁷ To beat ouer Matters. *Ad Transcursus Ingenii segnis sit*, 'slow in the
motion of his mind to and fro.'

²⁸ Call vp. *Accersere, et arripere dextre*, 'call up and skilfully lay hold of.'

²⁹ Special Receit. *Ex Literis, Medicinas proprias comparare sibi possint*,
'may obtain special medicines from literature.'

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if impediment in the wit, but may be wrought out by fit studies: like as diseases of the body may have appropriate exercises. Bowling is good for the Stone and Raines; Shooting for the longs and breast; gentle walking for the stomacke; riding for the head; and the like. So if a mans wit be wandring, let him study the *Mathematiks*;

if his wit be not apt to distinguishing, or find difference, let him study the Schoolemen;

if it bee not apt to beat ouer matters and to find out resemblances,

let him study Lawyers cases. So euerie defect of the mind may haue a speciall receipt.

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If his Wit be not Apt to distinguishing or find differences, let him *Study* the *Schoolemen*; For they are *Cymini sectores*.^a

If he be not Apt to beat ouer Matters,²⁷ and to call vp²⁸ one Thing, to Proue and Illustrate another, let him *Study* the *Lawyers Cases*: So euerie Defect of the Minde, may haue a Speciall Receipt.²⁹



^a "Antoninus Pius . . . was called *Cymini Sector*, a caruer, or diuider of Comine seede, which is one of the least seedes: such patience hee had and settled spirite, to enter into the least and most exact differences of causes." *Advancement of Learning*, Bk. I. p. 35, Ed. 1605.

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[2.] Of Discourse.

Some in their discourse desire rather commendation of wit in being able to holde all arguments, then of iudgement in discerning what is true, as if it were a praise to know what might be said, and not what shoulde bee thought. Some haue certaine Common places and Theames wherein they are good, and want varietie, which kinde of pouertie is for the most part tedious, and nowe and then ridiculous.

¶ The honourablest part of talke, is to guide* the occasion, and againe to moderate and passe to somewhat else.

¶ It is good

to varie and mixe speech of the present occasion with argument, tales with reasons, asking of questions, with telling of opinions, and iest with

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12. Of Discourse.

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The honorablest kind of Talke, is to give the occasion, and againe to moderate, and passe to somewhat els:

It is good

to varie, and mixe speach of the presente occasion with of Argument, Tales, with reasons, asking of Questions, with telling of opinions, and ieste with

* giue, in 1598 edition.

V.F. Variations in posthumous Latin Edition of 1633.

¹ TITLE. *De Discursu Sermonum*, 'of the discourse of speech.'

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19. Of Discourse.



Some in their discourse desire rather commendation of wit, in being able to holde all arguments, then of iudgement in discerning what is true; as if it were a praise to know what might be said, and not what should be thought. Some haue certaine common places, and theames wherein they are good, and want variety: which kind of pouerty is for the most part tedious, and now and then ridiculous.

The honorablest kind of talke, is to giue the occasion, and againe to moderate and passe to somewhat else.

It is good

to varie and mixe speech of the present occasion with argument: tales with reasons; asking of questions, with telling of opinions: and lest with

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32. Of Discourse.¹

Some in their *Discourse*, desire rather Commendation of Wit, in being able to hold all Arguments, then of Iudgment, in discerning what is True: As if it were a Praise, to know² what might be Said, and not what should be Thought. Some haue certaine Common Places, and Theames, wherein they are good,³ and want Variety:⁴ Which kinde of Pouerty is for the most part Tedious, and when it is once perceived Ridiculous.

The Honourablest Part of Talke, is to giue the Occasion; And againe to Moderate and passe to somewhat else; For then a Man leads the Daunce.

It is good, in *Discourse*, and Speech of Conuersation, to vary, and entermingle Speech, of the present Occasion with Arguments; Tales with Reasons, Asking of Questions, with telling of Opinions; and Iest with

² Know. *Invenire*, 'to discover.'

³ Are good. *Luxuriantur*, 'are fertile.'

⁴ Want Variety. *Cætera steriles et jejuni*, 'otherwise barren and meagre.'

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earnest.

¶ But some thinges are
priuiledged from iest,

namely Religion, matters
of state, great persons, any
mans present businesse of
importance, and any case
that deserueth pittie.

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earnest.

But somethinges are
priuiledged from ieste,

namely Religion, Matters
of State, great Persons, any
mans presente businesse of
importance, and anie case
that deserveth pittie;

¶ Hethatquestioneth much
shall learne much, and con-
tent much, specially if hee
applie his questions to the

He that questioneth much
shall learne much, and con-
tent much, specially if he
apply his questions to the

⁵ For it is a dull Thing, &c. *Satietatem siquidem et Fastidium parit, in aliquo Subjecto diutius harere*, 'for to stick to any subject too long produces satiety and digust.'

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earnest.

But some things are
priuiledged from iest,

namely religion, matters
of State, great persons, any
mans present businesse of
importance, and any case
that deserueth pitty;

and generally men ought
to finde the difference be-
tweene saltneffe and bitter-
neffe. Certainly he that
hath a *Satyricall* vaine, as
he maketh others afraid of
his wit, so he had need be
afraid of others memory.
He that questioneth much
shall learne much, and con-
tent much: specially if he
applie his questions to the

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Earnest: For it is a dull
Thing to Tire, and, as we
say now, to Iade, any Thing
too farre.⁵

As for Iest, there be cer-
taine Things, which ought
to be priuiledged from it;
Namely Religion, Matters
of State, Great Persons, Any
Mans present Businesse of
Importance, And any Case
that deserueth Pitty. Yet
there be some, that thinke
their Wits haue been
asleepe; Except they dart
out somewhat, that is Pi-
quant, and to the Quicke.⁶
That is a Vaine, which
would be brideled;

*Parce Puer stimulis, et
fortius utere Loris.*^a

And generally, Men ought
to finde the difference, be-
tween Saltneffe and Bitter-
neffe. Certainly, he that
hath a Satyricall vaine, as
he maketh others afraid of
his Wit, so he had need be
afraid of others Memory.
He that questioneth much,
shall learne much, and con-
tent much; But especially, if
he apply his Questions, to the

^a *Spare, boy, the whip and tighter hold the reins.* Ovid, *Met.* ii. 127.

⁶ Dart . . . Quicke: *Acutum aliquem et mordacem Sarcasmm in quem-
piam contorserint*, 'they dart out at some one some sharp and biting sarcasm.'

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skill of the person of whome
he asketh, for he shal giue
them occasion to please
themselues in speaking,
and himselfe shall continu-
ally gather knowledge.

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them occasion to please
themselues in speaking,
and himself shall contynu-
ally gather knoweledge.

¶ If you dissemble some-
times your knowledge of
that you are thought to
knowe, you shall bee
thought another time to
know that you know not.

¶ Speech of a mans selfe
is not good often,

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times your knowledge of
that you are thought to
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thought another tyme to
knowe that you know not.

Speache of a Mans selfe
is not good often,

⁷ Skill of the Persons, whom he asketh. *Ad captum et peritiam Respondentis*, 'to the understanding and skill of the answerer.'

⁸ To please themselves in Speaking. *Scientiam suam ostentandi*, 'to show his knowledge.'

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skill of the persons of whom he asketh: For he shall giue them occasion to please themselues in speaking, and himselfe shal continually gather knowledge.

If you dissemble sometimes your knowledge of that you are thought to know, you shall be thought an other time to know that you know not. Speech of a mans selfe is not good often,

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Skill of the Persons, whom he asketh:⁷ For he shall giue them occasion, to please themselues in Speaking,⁸ and himselfe shall continually gather Knowledge. But let his Questions, not be troublesome; For that is fit for a Poser. And let him be sure, to leaue other Men their Turnes to speak.⁹ Nay, if there be any, that would raigne, and take vp all the time, let him finde meanes to take them off, and to bring Others on; As Musicians vse to doe, with those, that dance too long Galliards.

If you dissemble sometimes your knowledge, of that you are thought to know; you shall be thought another time, to know that, you know not. Speech of a Mans Selfe ought to be seldome, and well chofen. I knew One, was wont to say, in Scorne; *He must needs be a Wise Man, he speakes so much of Himselfe:*

⁹ Let him be sure, to leaue . . . to speak. *Etiam qui Sermonis Familiaris Dignitatem tueri cupit, aliis vices loquendi relinquat*, 'also he who wishes to preserve the dignity of friendly conversation, should leave other men their turns to speak.'

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and there is but one case,
wherin a man may com-
mend himselfe with good
grace, and that is in com-
mending vertue in another,
especially if it be such a
vertue, as whereunto him-
selfe pretendeth.

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mend himself with good
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mending vertue in another,
especially if it be such a
vertue, as wherevnto him-
self pretendeth;

¶ Discretion of speech is
more then eloquence, and
to speake agreeably to him,

Discrecion of speach is
more then Eloquence, and
to speake agreeably to him,

¹⁰ But one Case. *Vix occurrit Casus aliquis, . . . præter unum,*
'there scarcely occurs any case . . . but one.'

¹¹ Speech of Touch. *Sermo alios pungens et vellicans,* 'speech which
stings or twits others.'

¹² Field. *Campi aperti, in quos spatiari licet; Non viæ Regiæ, quæ deducit*

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and there is but one case wherein a man may commend himselfe with good grace, and that is in commending vertue in another, especially, if it bee such a vertue, as whereunto himselfe pretendeth. Speech of touch toward others, should bee sparingly vsed; for discourse ought to bee as a field, without comming home to any man.

Discretion of speech is more than eloquence; and to speake agreeably to him

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And there is but one Case,¹⁰ wherein a Man may Commend Himselfe, with good Grace; And that is in commending Vertue in Another; Especially, if it be such a Vertue, whereunto Himselfe pretendeth. Speech of Touch¹¹ towards Others, should be sparingly vsed; For *Discourse* ought to be as a Field,¹² without comming home to any Man. I knew two *Noble-men*, of the West Part of *England*; Whereof the one was giuen to Scoffe, but kept euer Royal Cheere in his House: The other, would aske of those, that had beene at the Others Table; *Tell truly, was there neuer a Flout or drie Blow*¹³ giuen; To which the Guest would answer; *Such and such a Thing passed*: The Lord would say;¹⁴ *I thought he would marre a good Dinner.*¹⁵

Discretion of Speech, is more then *Eloquence*; And to speake agreeably to him,

Domus, 'an open field in which a man may ramble, not the King's highway which leads home.'

¹³ Drie blow. Omitted in the Latin.

¹⁴ The Lord would say. *At ille, utpote alterius Æmulus*, 'to which he, as the other's rival.'

¹⁵ Good Dinner. *Prandium bonum malis Condimentis*, 'a good dinner, with bad sauces.'

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with whome we deale is
more then to speake in
good wordes or in good
order.

¶ A good continued speech without a good speech of interlocution sheweth slownesse: and a good reply or second speech, without a good set speech sheweth shallownesse and weaknes, as wee see in beastes that those that are yet weakeſt in the courſe are yet nimbleſt in the turne.

¶ To vse too many circumstances ere one come to the matter is wearisome, to vse none at all is blunt.

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more then to speake in
good wordes, or in good
order.

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To vse too manie circum-
stances, ere one come to
the matter is wearisome,
to vse none att all is blunte.



¹⁶ Shallownesse and Weaknesse. *Penuriam, et Scientiam minime fundatam*, 'poverty and knowledge ill founded.'

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with whom wee deale, is more then to speake in good words, or in good order.

A good continued speech without a good speech of interlocution, sheweth slownesse: and a good reply, or second speech, without a good settled speech, sheweth shallownesse and weakenesse: as we see in beasts, that those that are weakest in the course, are yet nimblest in the turne.

To vse too many circumstances ere one come to the matter, is wearisome; to vse none at all, is blunt.

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with whom we deale, is more then to speake in good Words, or in good Order.

A good continued Speech, without a good Speech of Interlocution, shews Slownesse: And a Good Reply, or Second Speech, without a good Settled Speech, sheweth Shallownesse and Weaknesse.¹⁶ As we see in Beasts that those that are Weakest in the Course, are yet Nimblest in the Turne: As it is betwixt the Grey-hound, and the Hare.

To vse¹⁷ too many Circumstances, ere one come to the Matter, is Wearisome; To vse none at all, is Blunt.¹⁸



¹⁷ Vsc. *Orationem vestire*, 'to clothe a speech with.'

¹⁸ Blunt. *Abruptum quiddam est, et ingratum*, 'is blunt and disagreeable.'

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For variations of II., see footnotes.

[3.] Of Ceremonies and
Respectes.

E that is onely
reall had need
haue exceeding
great parts of
vertue, as the stone had
neede bee rich that is set
without foyle. ¶ But
commonly it is in praise

as
it is in gaine.
For as the prouerbe is true,
*That light gaines make
heauie Purfes:* Because
they come thicke, whereas
great come but now and
then, so it is as true that
smal matters winne great
commendation: because
they are continually in vse
and in note, whereas the
occasion of any great ver-
tue commeth but on
holy-daies.

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10. Of Ceremonies and
Respects.

Ee that is onely
reall had neede
haue exceeding
great partes of
vertue, as the Stone had
neede to be riche that is
fett without foyle. But
commonly it is in praise

as
it is in gaine;
For as the Proverbe is true,
*That light gaines make
heauie purfes;* Because
they come thicke, whereas
great come, but now, and
then; so it is as true, that
smale matters wynn great
commendacion, because
they are contynually in vse,
and in note, Whereas the
occasion of anie great ver-
tue cometh but on
holie dayes.

BII. Variations in posthumous Latin Edition of 1638.

¹ TITLE. *De Cæremoniis Civilibus et Decoro*, 'of civil ceremonies and propriety.'

² Rich. *E purissimis et nitidissimis*, 'most pure and bright.'

³ Commendation of Men. Omitted in the Latin.

⁴ Gettings. Omitted in the Latin.

⁵ Matters. *Virtutes*, 'virtues.'

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30. Of Ceremonies and
Respects.


Ee that is onely
reall, had need
haue exceeding
great parts of
vertue: as the stone had
neede to be rich that is set
without foile. But com-
monly it is in praise,

as
it is in gaine:

For as the prouerbe is true,
*That light gaines make
heauie purses*, because
they come thicke, whereas
great come, but now and
then: so it is true, that
small matters winne great
commendation, because
they are continually in vse,
and in note. Whereas the
occasion of any great ver-
tue, commeth but on
holie daies.

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52. Of Ceremonies and
Respects.¹


E that is only Reall,
had need haue
Exceeding great
Parts of Vertue :

As the Stone had need to
be Rich,² that is set without
Foile. But if a Man marke
it well, it is in praise and
Commendation of Men,³ as
it is in Gettings⁴ and Gaines:
For the Prouerbe is true,
*That light Gaines make
heauy Purfes* ; For light
Gaines come thick, whereas
Great come but now and
then. So it is true, that
Small Matters⁵ win great
Commendation, because
they are continually in Vse,
and in note:⁶ whereas the
Occasion of any great Ver-
tue,⁷ commeth but on
Festiualls.⁸ Therefore it doth
much adde, to a Mans Re-
putation, and is, (as Queene
*Isabella*⁹ said) *Like perpetu-
all Letters Commendatory*, to
haue good¹⁰ *Formes*.

⁶ In Vse and in note. *Quia perpetuus earum usus est ; Tum in obseruationem Hominum incurrunt* : 'because their use is continual, and they meet the observation of men.'

⁷ Great Vertue. *Virtutis alicujus magna exercenda*, 'of exercising any great virtue.'

⁸ Festiualls. *Raro admodum obtingit*, 'happens but rarely.'

⁹ Isabella. *Regina Castiliana*, 'Queen of Castile.'

¹⁰ Good. *Discretis et decoris*, 'discreet and proper.'

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¶ To attaine good formes, it sufficeth not to despise them, for so shal a man obserue them in others and lett him trust himselfe with the rest: for if he care

to expresse them hee shall leese their grace, which is to be naturall and vnaffected. Some mens behaviour is like a verse wherein euery syllable is measured. How can a man comprehend great matters that breaketh his minde too much to small obseruations?

¶ Not to vse Ceremonies at all, is to teach others not to vse them againe, and so diminish his respect; especially they be not to be omitted to straungers and strange natures.

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To attaine good Fourmes, it sufficeth not to dispise them, for so shall a Man observe them in others, and lett him trust himself with the rest; For if he care

to expresse them, hee shall leese their grace, which is to be naturall and vnaffected. Some mens behaviour is like a verse wherein every Syllable is measured. How can a Man comprehend great matters, that breaketh his minde too much to smale observations?

Not to vse Ceremonies at all is to teach others not to vse them againe, and to diminisheth respect, especially they be not to be omitted to Straungers and formall Natures.

¹¹ Behaviour. *Vultus, et Gestus, et Externa alia*, 'look, carriage, and other externals.'

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To attaine good formes, it sufficeth not to despise them: For so shal a man obserue them in others: And let him trust himselfe with the rest. For if he care

to expresse them, hee shall lose their grace, which is to be naturall and vnaffected. Some mens behauiour is like a verse wherein euery sillable is measured; how can a man comprehend great matters, that breaketh his mind to much to small obseruations?

Not to vse Ceremonies at all, is to teach others not to vse them againe; and so diminisheth respect: especially they bee not to be omitted to strangers, and formall natures.

To Attaine them, it almost sufficeth, not to despise them: For so shall a Man obserue them in Others: And let him trust himselfe with the rest. For if he Labour too much to Expresse them, he shall lose their Grace; Which is to be Naturall and Vnaffected. Some Mens Behauiour,¹¹ is like a Verse, wherein euery Syllable is Measured: How can a man comprehend great Matters, that breaketh his Minde too much to small Obseruations?

Not to vse *Ceremonies* at all, is to teach Others not to vse them againe; And so diminisheth *Respect*¹² to himselfe: Especially they be not to be omitted to Strangers, and Formall Natures: But the Dwelling vpon them, and Exalting them aboue the Moone,¹³ is not only Tedious, but doth Diminish the Faith and Credit of him that speakes. And certainly, there is a Kinde, of Conueying of Effectuall and Imprinting Passages, amongst

¹² Diminisheth Respect. *Teipsum facies viliozem*, 'make yourself cheaper.'

¹³ Exalting them aboue the Moone. *Locutio plane Hyperbolica*, 'speech which is clearly extravagant.'

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¶ Amongst a mans Peires a man shall be fure of familiarity, and therefore it is a good title to keepe state; amongst* a mans inferiours one shall be fure of reuerence, and therefore it is good a little to be familiar.

¶ Hee that is too much in any thing, so that he giue an other occasion of fatietie, maketh himselfe cheape.

¶ To applie ones selfe to others is good, so it be with demonstration that a man doth it vpon regard, and not vpon facility.

¶ It is a good precept generally in seconding another: yet to adde somewhat of ones owne; as if you will graunt his opinion, let it be with some distinction, if you wil follow his

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Amongest a Mans Peeres a man shall be fuer of familiarity, and therefore it is good a litle to keepe state; amongst a Mans inferiours one shall be fuer of Reverence, and therefore it is good a litle to be familiar.

He that is too much in anie thing, foe that he giveth another occasion of fatietie, maketh himself cheape.

To apply ones self to others is good, foe it be with demonstracion that a man doth it vponn regard, and not vponn facility.

It is a good precept generally in seconding another; yet to add somewhat of ones owne; as if you will graunt his opinion, lett it be with some distinction, if you will followe his

* amonge, in 1598 edition.

¹⁴ Kind of conueying, &c. *Est proculdubio Modus, artificiosæ cujusdam Insinuationis, in Verbis ipsis, inter Formulas communes, qui Homines reuera inescat, et mirifice afficit*, 'there is certainly a kind of cunning insinuation in the words themselves, among common compliments, which indeed allures men, and is of wonderful effect.'

¹⁵ Hit vpon it. *Ejus viam calleat*, 'knows the way of it.'

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Amongst a mans Peeres, a man shall be fure of familiarity; and therefore it is good a little to keep state: amongst a mans inferiours one shal be fure of Reuerence; and therefore it is good a little to bee familiar.

Hee that is too much in any thing, so that hee giueth another occasion of fatietie, maketh himself cheap.

To apply ones selfe to others is good; so it be with demonstration that a man doth it vpon regard, and not vpon facility.

It is a good precept, generally in feconding another, Yet to adde somewhat of ones owne; as if you will grant his opinion, let it be with some distinction, if you will follow his

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Complements, which is of Singular vse,¹⁴ if a Man can hit vpon it.¹⁵

Amongst a Mans Peeres, a Man shall be fure of Familiaritie; And therefore, it is good a little to keepe State.¹⁶ Amongst a Mans Inferiours, one shall be fure of Reuerence; And therefore it is good a little to be Familiar.¹⁷

He that is too much in any Thing,¹⁸ so that he giueth another Occasion of Sacietie, maketh himselfe cheape.

To apply Ones Selfe to others, is good; So it be with Demonstration, that a Man doth it vpon Regard,¹⁹ And not vpon Facility.

It is a good Precept, generally in Seconding Another, yet to adde somewhat of Ones Owne: As if you will grant his Opinion, let it be with some Distinction; If you will follow his

¹⁶ Keepe State. *Reprime te paululum, et dignitatem tuam*, 'repress yourself a little and keep your dignity.'

¹⁷ Be Familiar. *Benigne te gerere, et cum Familiaritate quadam, non incongruum est*, 'to bear yourself kindly and with a certain familiarity is not unsuitable.'

¹⁸ In any Thing. *In Sermone aliquo, aut Re*, 'in any discourse or thing.'

¹⁹ Regard. *Comitate et Urbanitate*, 'courtesy and politeness.'

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motion, let it be with condition; if you allow his counsell, let it be with al-leadging further reason.



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mocion, lett it be with condicion, if you allowe his Counsaile, lett it be with al-leadginge further reason.



²⁰ Alleging further Reason. *Novi alicujus Argumenti pondus addas, propter quod in Partes ejus transire videaris*, 'add the weight of some new reason, on account of which you seem to take his part.'

²¹ Men had need beware. *Cavendum imprimis, ne Magister in Cæremoniis et Formulis habeatis: Id enim si fiet, utcunque Virtute vera emineas,*

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motion; let it be with condition; if you allow his counsell, let it be with alleging further reason. Men had neede beware how they be too perfit in complements. For be they neuer so sufficient otherwise, their enuiers will bee fure to giue them that attribute to the disadvantage of their greater vertue. It is losse also in businesse to be too full of respects, or to be too curious in obseruing times and opportunities. *Salomon* saith *He that considereth the wind shall not sowe, and hee that looketh to the cloudes, shall not reape.* A wise man will make more opportunities then he findes.



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Motion, let it bee with Condition; If you allow his Counsell, let it be with Alleging further Reason.²⁰ Men had need beware,²¹ how they be too Perfect in Complements; For be they neuer so Sufficient otherwise, their Enuiers will be fure to giue them that Attribute, to the Disadvantage of their greater Vertues. It is losse also in businesse, to be too full of *Respects*, or to be too Curious in Obseruing Times and Opportunities. *Salomon* saith; *He that considereth the wind, shall not Sow, and he that looketh to the Clouds, shall not reape.* A wise Man will make more Opportunities then he findes.

Mens Behaviour should be like their Apparell, not too Strait, or point Deuice, but free for Exercise or Motion.



audies tamen ab Inuidis, in Nominis tui Detrimentum, Urbanus tantum et Affectator, 'you must beware first of all of being considered a master of ceremonies and compliments, for if so, however eminent you are in true worth, you will be called by your enuiers, to the detriment of your name, only polite and zealous.'

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No variations in Text II.

[4.] Of followers and friends.



Of fly followers are not to be liked, least while a man maketh his traine longer, hee make his wings shorter, I reckon to be costly not them alone which charge the purse, but which are wearysome and importune in futes. Ordinary following ought to challenge no higher conditions then countenance, recomendation and protection from wrong.

¶ Factious followers are worse to be liked, which follow not vpon affection to him with whome they raunge themselues, but vpon discontentment conceiued against some other, whereupon commonly infueth that ill intelligence that we many times see betweene great personages.

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14. Of followers and freinds.



Of fly followers are not to be liked, least while a Man maketh his traine longer, he make his wings shorter; I reckon to be costly not them alone which charge the purse, but which are wearysome and ymportune in suites. Ordinarie Followers ought to challenge noe higher conditions, then countenance, recommendacion and protection from wronges.

Factionous Followers are worse to be liked, which followenot vponn affection to him with whom they range themselves, but vponn discontentment conceived against some other; Wherevponncommonlyenfueth, that ill intelligence, that wee many tymes see betweene great parsonages.

VI. Variations in posthumous Latin Edition of 1638.

¹ TITLE. *De Clientibus, Famulis, et Amicis.* 'Of followers, servants and friends.'

² Wings Shorter. *Ne dum quis Caudæ pennas adauget, Alarum pennas*

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32. Of followers and friends.



Costly followers are not to bee liked, lest while a man maketh his traine longer, he make his wings shorter. I reckon to bee costly, not them alone which charge the purse, but which are wearisome and importune in suits. Ordinarie followers ought to challenge no higher conditions then countenance, recommendation, and protection from wrongs.

Factionous fellowes are worse to bee liked, which follow not vpon affection to him with whom they range themselves, but vpon discontentment conceiued against some other. Whereupon commonly en- fueth, that ill intelligence, that wee many times see be- tweene great personages. Likewise glorious followers

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48. Of followers and friends.¹

Costly Followers are not to be liked; Lest while a Man maketh his Traine Longer, hee make his Wings Shorter.² I reckon to bee Costly, not them alone, which charge the Purse, but which are Wearisome and Importune in Sutes. Ordinary Followers ought to challenge no Higher Con- ditions, then Countenance, Recommendation, and Pro- tection from Wrongs.

Factionous Followers³ are worse to be liked, which Follow not vpon Affection to him, with whom they range Themselues, but vpon Discontentment Con- ceiued against some Other: Whereupon Commonly en- fueth, that Ill Intelligence, that we many times see be- tweene Great Personages. Likewise Glorious Followers, who make themselves as Trumpets, of the Commen- dation of those they Follow,

Præcindat, 'lest while a man increases the feathers of his tail, he cuts off the feathers of his wings.'

³ Factionous Followers. *Clientes autem et Amici factiosi, adhuc magis vitandi*, 'factionous followers and friends are the more to be avoided.'

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¶ The following by certaine States anfwereable to that which a great perfon himfelfe profeffeth, as of Souldiers to him that hath beene employed in the warres; and the like hath euer beene a thing ciuile, and well taken euen in Monarchies, fo it be without too much pompe or popularitie.

¶ But the moft honorable kind of following is to bee followed, as one that apprehendeth to aduance vertue and defert in all fortes of perfons, and

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But the moft honorable kind of following is to be followed, as one that apprehendeth to aduance vertue and defert in all fortes of perfons; and

⁴ Honour from a Man. *Si quis vere rem reputet*, 'if one consider the thing truly.'

⁵ In great Fauour. *Apud Dominos suos, sæpenumero in summo pretio habentur*, 'are often held in great esteem by their masters.'

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are full of inconueniency ;
for they teint businesse
through want of secrecy,
and they export honor
from a man and make him
a returne in enuy.

The following by certaine States, answerable to that which a great person himselfe professeth, as of Souldiers to him that hath beene imploid in the warres, and the like, hath euer beene a thing ciuill, and well taken euen in Monarchies so it be without too much pompe or popularity.

But the most honourable kind of following, is to be followed, as one that apprehendeth to aduance vertue and desert in all sort of persons. And

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are full of Inconuenience ;
For they taint Businesse
through Want of Secrecie,
And they Export Honour
from a Man,⁴ and make him
a Returne in Enuie. There
is a Kinde of *Followers* like-
wise, which are Dangerous,
being indeed Espials ; which
enquire the Secrets of the
House, and beare Tales of
them to Others. Yet such
Men, many times, are in
great Fauour ;⁵ For they are
Officious, And Commonly
Exchange Tales.

The *Following* by certaine *Estates of Men*, answerable to that, which a Great Person himselfe professeth, (as of Soldiers to him that hath been Employed in the Warres, and the like,) hath euer beene a Thing Ciuill,⁶ and well taken euen in Monarchies ; So it be without too much Pompe or Popularitie.

But the most Honourable Kinde of *Following*, is to be Followed, as one that apprehendeth, to aduance Vertue and Desert, in all Sorts of Persons.⁷ And

⁶ Ciuill. *Decora*, 'honourable.'

⁷ All Sorts of Persons. *Ut quis Patronum se profiteatur eorum qui Virtute et Meritis clarent, cuiuscunque Ordinis sint, vel Conditionis*, 'to profess one's self a patron of those who are remarkable for worth or desert, of whatever order or condition.'

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yet where there is no eminent oddes in sufficiencie, it is better to take with the more passable, then with the more able.

In gouvernement it is good to vse men of one rancke equally, for, to countenance some extraordinarily, is to make them insolente, and the rest discontent, because they may claime a due. But in fauours to vse men with much difference and election is good, for it maketh the persons preferred more thankfull, and the rest more officious, because all is of fauour.

¶ It is good not to make too much of any man at first, because one cannot holde out that proportion.

¶ To be gouerned by one is not good,

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In gouvernement it is good to vse men of one rancke equally, For to countenance some extraordinarily, is to make them insolent, and the rest discontent, because they may claime a due. But in favours to vse them with much difference, and eleccion is good, For it maketh the persons preferred more thankfull, and the rest more officious, because all is of favour.

It is good not to make too much of anie Man at the first, because one cannott hold out that proporcion.

To be governed by one is not good,

⁸ To take with. *Patrocinari*, 'to patronize.'

⁹ Actiue. *Industrii et satagentes*, 'industrious and active.'

¹⁰ Claime a Due. *Quandoquidem Ordinis Paritas æquas Gratia Conditiones, tanquam ex debito, poscit*, 'because the equality of rank demands as a due, equal conditions of favour.'

¹¹ Because all is of Fauour. *Neque ex hoc merito conqueratur quispiam*,

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yet where there is no eminent oddes in sufficiency, it is better to take with the more passable, then with the more able.

In gouernment it is good to vse men of one rancke equally: For to countenance some extraordinarily, is to make them insolent, and the rest discontent; because they may claime a due.

But in fauour to vse men with much difference and election, is good; For it make[t]h the persons preferred more thankfull, and the rest more officious; because all is of fauour.

It is good not to make to much of any man at the first, because one cannot hold out that proportion.

To bee gouerned
by one is not good,

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yet, where there is no Eminent Oddes in Sufficiency, it is better to take with⁸ the more Passable, then with the more Able. And besides, to speake Truth, in Base Times, Actiue⁹ Men are of more vse, then Vertuous. It is true, that in Gouernment, it is Good to vse Men of one Rancke equally: for to countenance some extraordinarily, is to make them Insolent, and the rest Discontent; Because they may claime a Due.¹⁰

But contrariwise in Fauour, to vse Men with much Difference and Election, is Good; For it maketh the Persons Preferred more Thankfull, and the Rest more officious; Because all is of Fauour.¹¹

It is good Discretion, not to make too much of any Man at the first; Because One Cannot hold out that Proportion.¹²

To be gouerned¹³ (as we call it) by One, is not safe, For

cum omnia ex gratia, non ex debito prodeant. 'nor can any one deservedly complain of this, because all is of favour, not of due.'

¹² Proportion. *Nam quæ tractu temporis sequentur, vix istis initiis respondere possunt,* 'for what will follow in the course of time, can scarcely answer to your beginning.'

¹³ Gouerned. *Fingi et regi,* 'to be moulded and governed.'

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and to be distracted with
many is worfe ;

but to take aduise of
friends is euer honor-
able : *For lookers on many
times see more then game-
sters, And the vale best
discouereth the hill.*

¶ There is little friendship
in the worlde, and least of
all betweene equals, which
was wont to bee magnified.
That that is, is betweene
superiour and inferiour,
whose fortunes may com-
prehend the one the other.

and to be distracted with
manie is worfe ;

but to take advise of
frendes is ever honor-
able. *For lookers on manie
tymes see more, than game-
sters, and the vale best
discouereth the hill.*

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in the world, and least of
all betweene equalls which
was wont to be magnified.
That that is, is betweene
Superiour and inferiour,
whose fortunes may com-
prehend the one th[e] other.



¹⁴ Speake ill. Omitted in the Latin.

¹⁵ Talke more boldly of. *Amicum illum nostrum Contumeliis afficere non verebuntur*; 'will not fear to attach contumely to our friend.'

¹⁶ Distracted. *Plurium potestati subijci, et veluti in partes distrahi*, 'to be under the power of several, and as it were distracted.'

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and to bee distracted with many, is worfe;

but to take aduise of some few friends, is euer honourable, *For lookers on, many times see more then gamers, and the vale best discouereth the hill.*

There is little friendship in the world, and least of all between equals, which was wont to bee magnified. That that is, is betweene *Superiour* and *Infuriour*, whose fortunes may comprehend the one the other.

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it shewes Softnesse, and giues a Freedome to Scandall and Disreputation: For those that would not Censure, or Speake ill¹⁴ of a Man immediatly, will talke more boldly of¹⁵ Those, that are so great with them, and thereby Wound their Honour. Yet to be Distracted¹⁶ with many is Worfe; For it makes Men, to be of the Last Impression, and full of Change.

To take Aduice of some few Friends is euer Honourable¹⁷; *For Lookers on, many times, see more then Gamsters; And the Vale¹⁸ best discouereth the Hill.*

There is Little Friendship in the World,¹⁹ and Least of all betweene Equals, which was wont to be Magnified.²⁰ That that is, is between Superiour and Inferiour, whose Fortunes may Comprehend, the One the Other.



¹⁷ Honourable. *Honorabili sane et utile*, 'really honourable and profitable.'

¹⁸ The Vale. (*Ut adagio dicitur*,) *vallis*, '(as is said in the adage) the vale.'

¹⁹ Little Friendship. *Amicitia vera in Orbe, rara admodum*, 'true friendship in the world is very rare.'

²⁰ Magnified. *Apud Veteres*, 'amongst the ancients.'

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[5.] Of Sutes.*



Anie ill matters
are
vndertaken, and

many good matters
with ill
mindes.

Some embrace Sutes which
neuer meane to deale
effectually in them. But
if they see there may be
life in the matter by some
other meane, they will be
content to winne a thanke
or take a second reward.

Some take holde of Sutes
onely for an occasion
to crosse some other, or
to make an information
wherof they could not
otherwise haue an apt pre-

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15. Of Sutors.



Anie ill matters
are
vndertaken, and

manie good matters
with ill
mindes.

Some embrace Suites which
neuer meane to deale
effectually in them. But
if they see there may be
life in the matter by some
other meane, they wilbe
content to wynne a thanke,
or take a second reward;

Some take hold of suites
onely for an occasion
to crosse some other, or
to make an Informacion,
whereof they could not
otherwise have an apt pre-

* Of Sutors, in 1598 *Edition*.

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¹ Embrace. *In manus suas recipiunt, et operam auide pollicentur*, 'take
suits into their hands and eagerly promise assistance.'

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31. Of Sutors.



Anie ill matters
are
vndertaken, and

many good matters
with ill
mindes.

Some embrace fuits which neuer meane to deale effectually in them, but if they see there may be life in the matter by some other meane, they will be content to winne a thanke, or take a second reward, or at least to make vse in the meane time of the Sutors hopes.

Some take hold of fuits only for an occasion to crosse some other, or to make an Information whereof they could not otherwise haue apt pre-

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49. Of Sutours.



Any ill Matters
and Proiects are
vndertaken; And
Priuate *Sutes* doe
Putrifie the Publique Good.
Many Good Matters are
vndertaken with Bad
Mindes; I meane not
onely Corrupt Mindes; but
Craftie Mindes, that intend
not Performance.

Some embrace¹ *Sutes*, which neuer meane to deale effectually in them; But if they see, there may be life in the Matter,² by some other meane, they will be content to winne³ a Thanke, or take a Second Reward, or at least to make Vse, in the meane time, of the *Sutours* Hopes.⁴

Some take hold of *Sutes*, onely for an Occasion, to Crosse some other;⁵ Or to make an Information, whereof they could not otherwise haue apt Pre-

² Life in the Matter. *Rem aliorum conatu successuram*, 'that the matter will succeed by the endeavour of others.'

³ Be content to winne. *Aucupabuntur*, 'will try to catch.'

⁴ Hopes. *Spes dum Negotium vertitur*, 'hopes while the business is moving.'

⁵ Some other. *Negotiis aliorum, quæ simul tractantur*, 'the business of others, which is being treated at the same time.'

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cept,* without care what
become of the Sute, when
that turne is serued.

Nay some vndertake Sutes
with a full purpose to let
them fall, to the ende to
gratifie the aduerse partie
or competitor.

¶ Surely there is in
forte a right in euerie Sute,
either a right of equitie,
if it be a Sute of con-
trouerfie; or a right of
desert, if it bee a Sute of
petition. If affection leade
a man to fauor the wrong
side in iustice, let him
rather vse his countenance
to compound the matter
then to carrie it. If affec-
tion lead a man to fauour
the lesse worthy in desert,
let him doe it, without
deprauing or disabling
the better deseruer.

¶ In Sutes a man doth
not well vnderstand, it is

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text, without care what
become of the suite, when
that tourne is serued.

Nay some vndertake suites
with a full purpose to lett
them fall, to the end to
gratifie the aduerse partye
or Competitour.

Suerly there is in
forte a right in every suite,
either a right of Equity
if it be a suite of Con-
troversie, or a right of
desert, if it be a suite of
petition. If affection lead
a man to favour the wrong
side in Iustice, lett him
rather vse his countenance
to compound the matter,
then to carrie it. If affec-
cion leade a Man to favour
the lesse worthie in desert,
lett him doe it, without
depraving, or disabling
the better deseruer.

In Suites a Man doth
not well vnderstand, it is

* pretext, in 1598 Edition.

⁶ Entertainment. *Pontem sternant*, 'to lay a bridge.'

⁷ In some sort. *Si quis rem ritè perpendat*, 'if a man weigh the matter rightly.'

⁸ In euery Sute. *Comitatur omnem Petitionem*, 'accompanies every suit.'

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text, without care what become of the suite when that turne is serued.

Nay, some vndertake suits with a full purpose to let them fall, to the end to gratifie the aduerse party or competitor.

Surely there is in fort a right in euery suit; either a right of equity, if it be a suit of controuersie or a right of desert, if it be a suit of peti[tion]. If affection leade a man to fauour the wrong side in iustice, let him rather vse his countenance to compound the matter then to carry it. If affection leade a man to fauor the lesse worthy in desert, let him doe it without deprauing or disabling the better deseruer.

In suits a man doth [not] well vnderstand, it is

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text; without Care what become of the *Sute*, when that Turne is serued: Or generally, to make other Mens Businesse, a Kinde of Entertainment,⁶ to bring in their owne.

Nay, some vndertake *Sutes*, with a full Purpose, to let them fall; To the end, to gratifie the Aduerse Partie, or Competitour.

Surely, there is, in some fort,⁷ a Right in euery *Sute*:⁸ Either a Right of Equity, if it be a *Sute* of Controuersie⁹; Or a Right of Desert, if it be a *Sute* of Petition.¹⁰ If Affection lead a Man, to fauour the Wrong Side in Iustice, let him rather vse his Countenance, to Compound the Matter, then to Carry it. If Affection lead a Man, to fauour the lesse Worthy in Desert,¹¹ let him doe it without Deprauing or Disabling¹² the Better Deseruer.

In *Sutes*, which a man doth not well vnderstand, it is

⁹ Controuersie. *Iustitia*, 'justice.'

¹⁰ Petition. *Gratia*, 'favour.'

¹¹ In Desert. *Merentem, in causa Gratia*, 'in desert, in a cause of favour.'

¹² Deprauing or disabling. *Abstineat saltem ab omni Calumnia et Male-dicentia*, 'let him abstain from all calumny and evil-speaking.'

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good to referre them to
some friend of trust and
iudgement, that may re-
porte whether he may deale
in them with honor.

¶ Suters are so distasted
with delaies and abuses,
that plaine dealing in de-
nying to deale in Sutes at
first, and reporting the suc-
cesse barely, and in chal-
lending no more thanks
then one hath deserued, is
growen not onely honour-
able but also gracious.

¶ In Sutes of fauour the first
comming ought to take
litle place, so far forth
consideration may bee had
of his trust, that if intelli-
gence of the matter coulde
not otherwise haue beene
had but by him, aduantage
be not taken of the note.

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good to referre them to
some freind of trust and
Iudgement, that may re-
port whether he may deale
in them with honour.

Suitors are so distasted
with delayes, and abuses,
that plaine dealing in de-
nying to deale in Suites at
first, and reporting the suc-
cesse barely, and in Chal-
lenging noe more thanks
then one hath deserved, is
growne not onely honor-
able but alsoe gracious.
In suites of favor the first
commeing ought to take
litle place, so farr fourth
consideracion may be had
of his trust, that if intelli-
gence of the matter could
not otherwise haue beene
had, but by him, advantage
be not taken of the note.

¶ To be ignorant of the

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¹³ Suitors are so distasted. *His temporibus . . . cruciantur*, 'in these times . . . are so tortured.'

¹⁴ Reporting the successes barely. *Successum ejus qualem-qualem animo simplici referendo*, 'reporting the success truly, whatever it is.'

¹⁵ So farre forth . . . for his Discouerie. [This passage is thus rendered

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good to referre them to some friend of trust and iudgement, that may report whether hee may deale in them with honour.

Sutors are so distasted with delaies and abuses, that plaine dealing in denying to deale in suits at first, and reporting the successse barely, and in challenging no more thanks then one hath deferued, is growne not onlie honourable, but also gracious. In suits of fauour, the first comming ought to take little place: so farre forth consideration may be had of his trust, that if intelligence of the matter could not otherwise haue been had, but by him, aduantage be not taken of the note, but the party left to his other meanes.

To be ignorant of the

in the Latin] *Eo usque Supplicantis Fides, in re illa patefacienda, valere possit, ut si Notitia ejus aliunde quam per eum haberi non potuisset; Hoc ei fraudi non sit, sed potius remuneratur.* 'so that the trust of the suitor, in making the thing known, may avail that if the knowledge of it could not be had, except through him, it may be no disadvantage to him, but let him be rather rewarded.'

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good to referre them, to some Friend of Trust and Iudgement, that may report whether hee may deale in them with Honour: But let him chuse well his Referendaries, for else he may be led by the Nose.

Sutours are so distasted¹³ with Delaies, and Abuses, that Plaine Dealing, in denying to deale in *Sutes* at first, and Reporting the Successse barely,¹⁴ and in Challenging no more Thanks then one hath deferued, is grown not onely Honourable, but also Gracious. In *Sutes* of Fauour, the first Comming ought to take little Place: ¹⁵ So farre forth Consideration may bee had of his Trust, that if Intelligence of the Matter, coule not otherwise haue been had, but by him, Aduantage bee not taken of the Note, but the Partie left to his other Meanes; and, in some fort, Recompenced for his Discouerie.¹⁵

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value of a Sute is simplicitie, as well as to be ignorant of the right thereof is want of conscience.

¶ Secrecie in Sutes is a great meane of obtaining, for voicing them to bee in forwardnes may discourage some kinde of futers, but doth quicken and awake others.

¶ But tyming of the Sutes is the principall, tyming I saye not onely in respect of the person that shoulde graunt it, but in respect of those which are like to crosse it.

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Secresie in suites is a great meane of obtayning, for voyceing them to be in forwardnes may discourage some kind of fuitours, but doth quicken and awake others.

But tymeing of the Suites is the principall, tymeing I say not onely in respect of the person, that should graunt it, but in respect of those which are like to crosse it.

¹⁶ Ignorant of the Right. *Æquitatem ejusdem oscitanter prætervehi*, 'to be carelessly carried beyond the right.'

¹⁷ Choice of his Meane. *Ejus, cui Petitionis tuæ curam demandes*, 'to whom you entrust the care of your suit.'

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value of a fuit is simplicity, as well as to be ignorant of the right thereof, is want of conscience.

Secresie in fuites is a great meane of obtaining; For voicing them to be in forwardnesse, may discourage some kind of suitors, but doth quicken and awake others.

But timage* of the fuits is the principall. Timing I say not onely in respect of the person that should grant it, but in respect of those which are like to crosse it.

Let a man in the choise of his meane, rather chuse the fittest meane then the greatest meane, and rather them that deale in certaine things then those that are generall.

The reparation of a deniall is sometimes equall to the first grant, if a man shew himselfe neither deiected, nor discontented *Iniquum petas vt æquum feras*,^a is a good rule where

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But Timing of the *Sute*, is the Principall. Timing, I say, not onely in respect of the Person, that should grant it, but in respect of those, which are like to Crosse it.

Let a Man, in the choice of his Meane,¹⁷ rather choose the Fittest Meane, then the Greatest Meane: And rather them, that deale in certaine Things, then those that are Generall.

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* timing in Grenville copy, No. 10,365.

^a Thou seekest unjustly, that thou mayest do justice. Quintilian Inst. Orat. iv. 5, 16.

¹⁸ Reparation. *Denegata Petitionis Iteratio*, 'the repetition of a suit refused.'

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¹⁹ Rise in his Sute. *Gradibus quibusdam, ad id quod petis ascendere, et aliquid saltem impetrare*, 'rise by certain steps to what you desire, and at least gain something.'

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a man hath strength of fauour; but otherwise a man were better rest in his fuit; for hee that would haue ventured at first to haue lost the futor, will not in the conclusion lose both the futor and his owne former fauor.

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Nothing is thought so Easie a Request, to a great Person, as his Letter; And yet, if it be not in a Good Cause, it is so much out of his Reputation.

There are no worse Instruments,²⁰ then these Generall Contriuers of *Sutes*: For they are but a Kinde of Poyson and Infection to Publique Proceedings.



²⁰ No worse Instruments. *Non inuenitur in Rebuspublicis perniciosius Hominum Genus*, 'there is found no more dangerous kind of man in states.'

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No variations in Text II.

[6.] Of Expence.



Riches are for spending, and spending for honour and good actions. Therefore extraordinarie Expence must bee limited by the worth of the occasion; for voluntarie vndoing may bee as well for a mans countrie, as for the kingdome of heauen. But ordinarie expence ought to bee limited by a mans estate, and gouerned with such regard, as it be within his compasse, and not subiect to deceite and abuse of seruants, and ordered to the best shew, that the Bills maye be lesse then the estimation abroad.

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¶ It is no basenes for the It is noe basenes for the

VI. Variations in posthumous Latin Edition of 1633.

¹ Spending. *Destinatu Sumptibus*, 'are intended for spending.'² Vndoing. *Paupertas*, 'poverty.'

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18. Of Expences.



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28. Of Expence.



Riches are for Spending;¹ And Spending for Honour and good Actions. Therefore *Extraordinary Expence* must be limited by the Worth of the Occasion: For *Voluntary Vndoing*,² may be as well for³ a Mans Country, as for the *Kingdome of Heauen*. But *Ordinary Expence* ought to be limited by a Mans Estate; And gouerned with such regard, as it be within his Compasse; And not subiect to Deceit and Abuse of Seruants; And ordered to the best Shew, that the Bills may be lesse, then the Estimation abroad.

Certainly, if a Man will keep but of Euen hand,⁴ his *Ordinary Expences* ought to be, but to the Halfe of his Receipts; And if he thinke to waxe Rich, but to the Third Part.

It is no Baseness, for the

¹ May be aswell for. *Debetur*, 'is due to.'

⁴ Euen hand. *Qui Diminutionem Fortunarum suarum pati nolit*, 'who does not wish to suffer a decrease of his fortune.'

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greatest to descend and looke into their owne estate. Some forbear it not vpon negligence alone, but doubting to bring themselves into Melancholy in respect they shall finde it broken. But *Woundes cannot bee cured without searching.*

¶ Hee that cannot looke into his owne estate, had neede both choose well those whom he employeth, yea and change them after. For new are more timerous and lesse subtile.

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⁵ Descend and looke. *Si rationes suas diligenter inspiciant*, 'if they look diligently into their affairs.'

⁶ Some. *Complures*, 'very many.'

⁷ Doubting. *Aversatione quadam, ne*, 'from a certain dislike, lest they.'

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greatest to descend and looke into their owne estates. Some forbear it not vpon negligence alone, but doubting to bring themselves into malancholy in respect they shall find it broken. But wounds cannot bee cured without searching.

He that cannot looke into his owne estate at all, had neede both choose well those whom he employeth, and change them often: for new are more timorous, and lesse subtile.

He that can looke into his estate but seldome, had need turne all to certainties.

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Greatest, to descend and looke,⁵ into their owne *Estate*. Some⁶ forbear it, not vpon Negligence alone, But doubting⁷ to bring themselves into Melancholy, in respect they shall finde it Broken.⁸ But Wounds cannot be Cured without Searching.

He that cannot looke into his own Estate at all,⁹ had need both Choose well, those whom he employeth, and change them often: For New are more Timorous, and lesse Subtile.

He that can looke into his Estate but seldome, it behoueth him to turne all to Certainties.¹⁰

A Man had need, if he be Plentifull, in some kinde of *Expence*, to be as Sauing againe, in some other. As if he be Plentifull in Diet, to be Sauing in Apparell: If he be Plentifull in the Hall, to be Sauing in the Stable: And the like. For he that

⁵ Broken. *Nimio accisas*, 'too much impaired.'

⁹ At all. *Commode*, 'conveniently.'

¹⁰ Certainties. *Quæ Computationi subjacent, in certos Reditus atque etiam Sumptus vertere*, 'to turn what is subject to calculation into certain revenues and expenses.'

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¶ In clearing of a mans estate, hee may as well hurt himselfe in being too fud-daine, as in letting it runne on too long, for hastie selling is commonly as disadvantageable as interest.

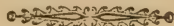
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¶ He that hath a state to repaire may not despise small things; and commonly it is lesse dishonourable to abridge pettie charges then to stoupe to pettie gettings.

¶ A man ought warily to begin charges, which once begunne must continue. But in matters that returre not, he may be more magnificent.

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A man ought warily to begin charges which once begun must contynue. But in matters that retourne not, hee may be more magnificent.



¹¹ Estate. *Perplexa et obærata Re Familiari*, 'estate perplexed and involved in debt.'

¹² Gaineth vpon. *Medetur*, 'heals.'

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In cleering of a mans estate, hee may aswell hurt himselfe in being too sudden, as in letting it run on to long. For hasty selling is commonly as disadvantageable as interest. Besides, he that cleeres at once will relapse : For finding himselfe out of straught, hee wil reuert to his customes. But hee that cleereth by degrees, induceth an habite of frugality, and gaineth aswell vpon his minde as vpon his estate. Certainly who hath a state to repaire may not despise small things ; and commonly it is lesse dishonourable to abridge pettie charges, then to floope to petty gettings.

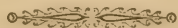
A man ought warily to begin charges, which once begun must continue. But in matters that return not, he may bee more magnificent.

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is Plentifull in *Expences* of all Kindes, will hardly be preferued from Decay.

In Clearing of a Mans Estate,¹¹ he may aswell hurt Himselfe in being too sudden, as in letting it runne on too long. For hasty Selling is commonly as Disadvantageable as Interest. Besides, he that cleares at once, will relapse ; For finding himselfe out of Straights, he will reuert to his Customes : But hee that clear-eth by Degrees, induceth a Habite of Frugalitie, and gaineth¹² as well vpon his Minde, as vpon his Estate. Certainly, who hath a State to repaire, may not despise small Things : And commonly, it is lesse dishonourable, to abridge pettie Charges, then to floope to pettie Gettings.

A Man ought warily to beginne Charges, which once begun will Continue : But in Matters, that returne not,¹³ he may be more Magnificent.¹⁴



¹³ Matters that returne not. *Sumptibus, qui non facile redeunt*, 'expenses that do not easily return.'

¹⁴ Magnificent. '*Splendidiorum et magnificentiorum*, 'more splendid and magnificent.'

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[7.] Of Regiment of
health.

Here is a wisdome
in this beyond
the rules of
Phisicke. Amans
owne obseruation what he
finds good of, and what he
findes hurt of, is the best
Phyficke to preferue
health.

But it is a safer conclusion
to say, This agreeth* well
with me, therefore I will
continue it, then this I
finde no offence, of this
therefore I may vse it. For
strength of nature in youth
passeth ouer many excesses,
which are owing a man
till his age.

† Discerne of the comming
on of yeares, and thinke
not to doe the same things
still.

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Harleian MS. 5106.7. Of Regiment of
health.

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findes good of, and what he
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Phisicke to preserve
health;

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to saie, This agreeth not well
with mee, therefore I will
not continue it, then this, I
finde noe offence of this,
therefore I may vse it. For
strength of nature in youth,
passeth over manie excesses,
which are oweing a Man
till his age.

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still.

* not, inserted here in 1598 edition.

VII. Variations in posthumous Latin Edition of 1638.

¹ There is a wisdome in this. *In Regimine Valetudinis, invenire est quandam Prudentiam*, 'in the regiment of health there is a certain wisdom to be found.'

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17. Of Regiment of health.



Here is a wisdom in this, beyond the rules of *Physicke*. A mans owne obseruation what he findes good of, and what hee findes hurt of, is the best *Physicke* to prese[r]ue health.

But it is a safer conclusion to say; this agreeth not well with mee, therefore I will not continue it; then this, I finde no offence of this, therefore I may vse it: for strength of nature in youth, passeth ouer many excesses, which are owing a man till his age.

Discerne of the comming on of yeares, and thinke not to doe the same things still. Certainly most lusty old men catch their death by that aduenture; For age will not be defied.

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30. Of Regiment of Health.



Here is a wisdom in this,¹ beyond the Rules of *Physicke*: A Mans owne Obseruation, what he findes Good of, and what he findes Hurt of, is the best *Physicke* to preferue Health.

But it is a safer Conclusion to say; *This agreeth not well with me,*² *therefore I will not continue*³ *it*; Then this; *I finde no offence of this, therefore I may vse it*. For Strength of Nature in youth, passeth ouer many Excesses, which are owing⁴ a Man till his Age.

Discerne of the comming on of Yeares, and thinke not, to doe the same Things still;

For
Age will not be Defied.

¹ Agreeth. *Hoc sensi mihi nocuisse*, 'I have felt that this injures me.'

² Continue. *Utar*, 'use.'

⁴ Owing. *Tandem velut debita exigentur*, 'will be at last exacted like debts.'

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¶ Beware of any suddain
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long lasting.⁵ Then one. *Quam unum Magnum*, 'than one great one.'⁶ Apparell. *Vestium, Mansionis*, 'apparel, habitation.'⁷ It. *Ad Consuetudinem*, 'to the accustomed course.'

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Beware of any sudden change in any great point of diet, and if necessity enforce it, fit the rest to it. For it is a secret both in nature and state, that it is safer to change many things then one.

To bee free minded and cherefullie disposed at houres of meat, and of sleepe, and of exercife, is the best precept of long lasting.

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Beware of sudden Change in any great point of Diet, and if necessity inforce it, fit the rest to it. For it is a Secret, both in Nature, and State; That it is safer to change Many Things, then one.⁵ Examine thy Customes, of Diet, Sleepe, Exercife, Apparell,⁶ and the like; And trie in any Thing, thou shalt iudge hurtfull, to discontinue it by little and little; But so, as if thou doest finde any Inconuenience by the Change, thou come backe to it⁷ againe: For it is hard to distinguish, that which is generally held good, and wholesome,⁸ from that, which is good particularly, and fit for thine owne Body.⁹

To be free minded, and cheerefully disposed, at Houres of Meat, and of Sleep, and of Exercife, is one of the best Precepts of Long lasting. As for the Passions and Studies of the Minde; Auoid Enuie; Anxious Feares; Anger fretting inwards; Subtill

⁵ Held good and wholesome. *Sunt salubria*, 'are wholesome.'

⁹ Body. *Corporis tui unici Constitutioni*, 'the constitution of thy body alone.'

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¶ If you flie Physicke in health altogether, it will be too strange to your body, when you shall neede it, if you make it too familiar, it will worke no extraordinarie effect when sicknesse commeth.

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¹⁰ Communicated. *Alte pressam, et non communicatam*, 'pressed down, and not communicated.'

¹¹ Wonder. Omitted in the Latin.

¹² Strange. *Ingratior*, 'too unpleasant.'

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and knottie Inquisitions; Ioyes, and Exhilarations in Excesse; Sadnesse not Communicated.¹⁰ Entertaine Hopes; Mirth rather then Ioy; Varietie of Delights, rather then Surfet of them; Wonder,¹¹ and Admiration, and therefore Nouelties; Studies that fill the Minde with Splendide and Illustrious Obiects, as Histories, Fables, and Contemplations of Nature.

If you flie Physicke in *Health* altogether, it will be too strange¹² for your Body, when you shall need it. If you make it too familiar, it will worke no Extraordinary Effect,¹³ when Sicknesse commeth. I commend rather, some Diet, for certaine Seasons, then frequent Vse of *Physicke*, Except it be growen into a Custome. For those Diets alter the Body more, and trouble it lesse.

Despise no new¹⁴ Accident, in your Body, but aske Opinion¹⁵ of it.

¹⁰ Extraordinary Effect. *Detrahet de viribus et efficacia ejus*, 'it will detract from its strength and efficacy.'

¹⁴ New. *Novum et insuetum*, 'new and unaccustomed.'

¹⁵ Opinion. *Consilium Medicorum*, 'opinion of physicians.'

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¶ In sicknesse respect health principally, and in health action. For those that put their bodies to indure in health, may in most sicknesse which are not very sharpe, be cured onely with diet and tendering.

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* Comfortable, in 1598 Edition.

¹⁶ Action. *Corpore tuo utere, nec sis nimis delicatus*, 'use your body and be not too delicate.'

¹⁷ Tendering. *Corporis Regimine paulo exquisitiore, . . . absque multa Medicatione*, 'by a little more careful tendering of the body without much doctoring.'

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^a A. C. Celsus. *De re medica*. i. 1.

¹⁸ Masteries. *Robur acquirit*, 'acquire strength.'

¹⁹ Conformable. *Erga Aegrum, et ejus Desideria, tam sunt indulgentes*, 'are so indulgent to the sick and his desires.'

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preſſe not the true cure of the diſeaſe; and ſome other are ſo regular in proceeding according to Arte for the diſeaſe, as they reſpect not ſufficiently the condition of the patient. Take one of a middle temper, or if it may not be found in one man, compound two of both ſorts, and forget not to call as well the beſt acquainted with your body, as the beſt reputed of for his facultie.

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²⁰ Regular. *Regulares et rigidi*, 'regular and rigid.'

²¹ Condition. *Conditionem et Naturam*, 'condition and nature.'

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preſſe not the true cure of the diſeaſe; and ſome other are ſo regular, in proceeding according to art for the diſeaſe, as they reſpect not ſufficiently the condition of the Patient. Take one of a middle temper, or if it may not be found in one man, combine two of both ſorts; and forget not to call aſwell the beſt acquainted with your bodie, as the beſt reputed of, for his faculty.

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²² The beſt acquainted. *Gnarum, non minus quam*, 'not leſs acquainted than.'

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No variations in Text II.

[8.] Of Honour and reputation.

THE winning of Honour is but the reuealing of a mans vertue and worth without disadvantage, for some in their actions doe affect Honour and reputation, which sort of men are commonly much talked of, but inwardly little admired: and some darken their vertue in the shew of it, so as they be vnder-valewed in opinion.

¶ If a man performe that which hath not beene attempted before, or attempted and giuen ouer, or hath beene atchieued, but not with so good circumstance, he shall purchase more Honour then by effecting a matter of greater difficultie or vertue, wherein he is but a follower.

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21. Of Honor and reputation.

He true Wynnning of *Honor* is but the revealing of a Mans vertue and worth without disadvantage; For some in theire accions doe affect honour and reputacion, which sorte of Men are commonly much talked of, but inwardlie litle admired; and some darken their vertue in the shewe of it, so as they be vndervalued in opinion.

If a Man performe that which hath not beene attempted before, or attempted and given over, or hath beene atchieved, but not with soe good Circumstance, he shall purchase more honor, then by effecting a matter of greater difficultie, or vertue, wherein he is but a Follower.

If a Man consider wherein others have given distast,

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¹ Winning. *Vera, et jure optimo, Acquisitio*, 'the true and rightful winning.'

² Honour. *Honoris et Existimationis*, 'honour and reputation.'

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Of Honour and
reputation.[*This Essay does not occur
in the 1612 Edition.*]

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55. Of Honour and
Reputation.

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a Mans Vertue
and Worth, without Disad-
uantage.³ For some in their
Actions, doe Wooe and af-
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tempted before; Or at-
tempted and giuen ouer;
Or hath beene atchieued,
but not with so good Cir-
cumstance; he shall pur-
chase more Honour, then
by Effecting a Matter of
greater Difficulty, or Ver-
tue, wherein he is but a
Follower.

² Without disadvantage. *Dextre et absque detrimento*, 'dexterously and without disadvantage.'

⁴ Wooe and affect. *Proci Famæ sunt, et veluti Venatores*, 'are wooers and as it were hunters of fame.'

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¶ If a man so temper his actions as in some one of them hee doe content euerie faction or combination of people, the Musicke will be the fuller.

¶ A man is an ill husband of his Honour that entereth into any action, the failing wherein may disgrace him more than the carrying of it through can Honour him.

¶ Discreete followers
helpe much to
reputation.

¶ Enuie which is the canker of Honour, is best extinguished by declaring a

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and wyne honor vponn theire envye, the beame will be the quicker.

If a Man so temper his accions, as in some one of them, he doe content every faction, or combination of People, the Musick will be the fuller.

A Man is an ill husband of his honor, that entreth into anie accion, the faylinge wherein may disgrace him more, then the carrying of it throughe can honor him.

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helpe much to
reputacion.

Envy which is the Canker of honour, is best extinguished by declaring a

⁵ Temper. *Inter se committat, et contemperet*, 'combine and temper.'

⁶ Gained and broken vpon Another. *Qui Comparativus est, et Alium prægravat*, 'which is comparative and depresses another.'

⁷ Diamonds. *Adamantis, aut Carbunculi*, 'a diamond or carbuncle.'

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A man is an ill Husband of his *Honour*, that entreth into any Action, the Failing wherein may disgrace him more, then the Caring of it through can *Honor* him.

Honour, that is gained and broken vpon Another,⁶ hath the quickest Reflection; Like Diamonds⁷ cut with Fascets. And therefore, let a Man contend, to excell any Competitors of his in *Honour*, in Outshooting them, if he can, in their owne Bowe.⁸

Discreet Followers and Seruants helpe much to Reputation. ⁹*Omnis Fama à Domesticis emanat.*^a

Enuy, which is the Canker¹⁰ of *Honour*, is best extinguished, by declaring a

^a *All Fame proceeds from servants.* Cicero. *De petitione consulatus.* v.

⁸ In their owne Bowe. *In iis, in quibus ipsi summe gloriantur,* 'surpass them in those things on which they chiefly pride themselves.'

⁹ *Omnis Fama. Ita Quintus Cicero, omnis, &c.,* 'thus Q[uintus] Cicero says, *Omnis, &c.*'

¹⁰ Canker. *Tinea et Terebo* 'moth and worm.'

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mans felfe in his ends,
rather to feeke merite then
fame, and by attributing a
mans successes rather to
diuine prouidence and
felicitie then to his
vertue or policie.

¶ The true Marshalling of
the degrees of Soueraigne
honour are these.

In the first place are *Con-*
ditores, founders of states.

In the second place are
Legislatores Lawgiuers,
which are also called se-
cond founders, or *Perpetui*
principes, becaufe they
gouverne by their ordin-
ances after they are gone.

In the third place are
Liberatores,
such as compound the
long miseries of ciuill
warres, or deliuer their

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long miseries of Civill
warres, or deliver their

¹¹ *Saluatores. Seruatores Patriarum suarum*, 'preservers of their country.'

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rather to seeke Merit, then
Fame: And by Attributing
a Mans Successes, rather to
diuine Prouidence and
Felicity, then to his owne
Vertue or Policy.

The true Marshalling of
the Degrees of *Soueraigne
Honour* are these.

In the First Place are *Con-
ditores Imperiorum*; *Found-
ers of States*, and
Common-Wealths: Such
as were *Romulus, Cyrus,
Cæsar, Ottoman, Ismael*.

In the Second Place are
Legis-latores, Lawgiuers;
which are also called, *Se-
cond Founders*, or *Perpetui
Principes*, because they
Gouerne by their Ordin-
ances, after they are gone:
Such were *Lycurgus, Solon,
Iustinian, Eadgar, Alphon-
fus of Castile*, the Wife,
that made the *Siete Par-
tidas*.

In the Third Place, are
Liberatores, or *Saluatores*.¹¹

Such as compound the
long Miseries of Ciuill
Warres, or deliuer their

¹¹ Alphonso X. of Castile, surnamed 'The Wise' [b. 1226—d. 4 Apr. 1284], was the author of a legal Code, called *Las siete partidas*, from its seven parts or sections. It was first printed at Seville in 1491; and a copious Latin index of it by G. Lopez à Touar appeared at Salamanca in 1576.

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Countries from feruitude
of strangers or tyrants.

In the fourth place are
Propagatores or *Propugna-*
tores imperii, such as in
honourable warres en-
large their territories, or
make noble defence
against Inuaders.

And in the last place are
Patres patriæ, which raigne
iustly and make the times
good wherein they liue.

Degrees of honour in sub-
iects are

first *Participes curarum*,
those vpon whome Princes
doe discharge the greatest
waight of their affaires,
their *Right handes* (as wee
call them.)

The next are *Duces belli*,
great leaders, such as are
Princes, Lieutenants, and
do them notable seruices

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The next are *Duces belli*,
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Princes Liuetenauntes and
doe them notable seruices

¹² Noble defence. *Defensione strenua et Nobili*, 'energetic and noble
defence.'

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Countries from Seruitude of Strangers, or Tyrants; As *Augustus Cæsar*, *Vespasianus*, *Aurelianus*, *Theodoricus*, *K. Henry the 7. of England*, *K. Henry the 4. of France*.

In the Fourth Place, are *Propagatores* or *Propugnatores Imperij*; Such as in Honourable Warres enlarge their Territories, or make Noble defence¹² against Inuaders.

And in the Last Place, are *Patres Patriæ*; which reigne iustly, and make the Times good, wherein they liue.¹³ Both which last Kindes, need no Examples, they are in such Number.

Degrees of *Honour* in *Subjects* are;

First, *Participes Curarum*; Those vpon whom¹⁴ Princes doe discharge the greatest Weight of their Affaires; Their *Right Hands*, as we call them.

The Next are, *Duces Belli*, *Great Leaders*; Such as are Princes Lieutenants, and doe them Notable Seruices

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¹² Make the Times good. *Temporibus felicibus, quamdiu vivunt, Cives suos beant*, 'bless their subjects with happy times while they live.'

¹⁴ Vpon whom. *Quorum humeris*, 'on whose shoulders.'

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in the wars.

The third are *Gratiosi*,
fauorites, such as excede
not this scantling to bee
follace to the Soueraigne
and harmeleffe to the
people.

And the fourth *Negotiis*
pares, such as haue great
place vnder Princes, and
execute their places
with sufficiencie.



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solace to the Sovereigne,
and harmeles to the
People.

And the fourth *Negotiis*
pares, such as have great
place vnder Princes, and
doe execute their places
with sufficiencye.



¹⁵ Exceed not this Scantling. *Non ultra hoc potes sunt*, 'have no power beyond this.'

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with Sufficiency.

There is an *Honour* like-
wise, which may be ranked
amongst the Greatest, which
happeneth rarely: That is,
of such as *Sacrifice them-*
selues, to *Death* or *Danger*,
for the *Good* of *their*
Countrey: As was *M.*
Regulus, and the Two
Decij.



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[9.] Of Faction.



Anie haue a newe
wisedome, in-
deed, a fond
opinion; That
for a Prince to gouerne his
estate, or for a great per-
son to gouerne his proceed-
ings according to the res-
pects of Factions, is the
principal part of pollicie.
Whereas contrariwise, the
chiefest wisedome is either
in ordering those things
which are generall, and
wherein men of feuerall
Factions doe neuerthelesse
agree, or in dealing with
correspondence to particu-
lar persons one by one,
But I say not that the con-
sideration of Factions is
to be neglected.

¶ Meane men

must adheare, but great
men that haue strength in
themselves were better to
maintaine themselves in-
different and neutrall; yet
euen in beginners to ad-
heare so moderatly, as he
be a man of the one Fac-

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20. Of Faction.



Anie haue an opin-
ion not wise;
That
for a Prince to gouerne his
estate, or for a great per-
son to gouerne his proceed-
inges according to the res-
pectes of factions, is the
principall part of policie.
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chiefest wisedome is either
in ordering those things
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to be neglected.

Meane men

must adhere, but great
men that have strength in
themselves were better to
mainteine themselves in-
different, and neutrall; yet
even in beginners to ad-
here so moderately, as he
be a man of the one Fac-

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: TITLE. *De Factionibus*, 'of factions.'

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34. Of Faction.



Any haue an opinion not wise;

That for a Prince to gouerne his estate, or for a great person to gouerne his proceedings, according to the respect of factions, is the principall part of pollicy: whereas contrariwise, the chiefest wisdom is either in ordering those things which are generall, and wherein men of feuerall factions doe neuerthelesse agree, or in dealing with correspondence to particular persons, one by one. But I say not, that the consideration of factions is to be neglected.

Meane men must adhere, but great men that haue strength in themselves were better to maintaine themselves indifferent, and neutrall. Yet euen in beginners to adhere so moderatly, as he be a man of the one fac-

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51. Of Faction.¹

Any haue an Opinion not wise;

That for a Prince to Gouverne his Estate; Or for a Great Person to gouerne his Proceedings, according to the Respect of *Factions*, is a Principall Part of Policy: whereas contrariwise, the Chiefest Wisdom is, either in Ordering those Things, which are Général, and wherein Men of Seuerall *Factions* doe neuerthelesse agree; Or in dealing with Correspondence to Particular Persons,² one by one. But I say not, that the consideration of *Factions*, is to be Neglected.

Meane Men, in their Rising, must adhere; But Great Men, that haue Strength in themselves, were better to maintaine themselves Indifferent, and Neutrall. Yet euen in beginners, to adhere so moderately, as hee bee a Man of the one *Fac-*

² Dealing with Correspondence, &c. *Vel in palbandis, conciliandis et tractandis singulis.* 'or in touching, conciliating, and treating with particular persons.'

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tion, which is passablest
with the other, commonly
giueth best way.

¶ The lower and weaker
Faction is the firmer in
coniunction.

¶ When one of the Fac-
tions is extinguished, the
remaining subdivideth
which is good for a second
Faction.*

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coniunction;

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tions is extinguished, the
remaying subdivideth,
which is good for a second.

* Faction, omitted in 1598 Edition.

³ Most Passable. *Et tamen Parti adversæ minime odiosus*, 'and still is not odious (*i.e.* the man) to the adverse faction.'

⁴ Giveth best Way. *Viam quandam sternit ad Honores, per Medium Factionum*, 'paves a way to honours by means of factions.'

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When one of the factions is extinguished, the remaining subdiuideth: which is good for a second.

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tion, which is most Passable³ with the other, commonly giueth best Way.⁴

The Lower and Weaker *Faction*, is the firmer⁵ in Coniunction: And it is often seene, that a few, that are Stiffe,⁶ doe tire out,⁷ a greater Number, that are more Moderate.

When One of the *Factions* is Extinguished, the Remaining Subdiuideth:

As the *Faction*, betweene *Lucullus*, and the Rest of the Nobles of the Senate (which they called *Optimates*) held out a while,⁸ against the *Faction* of *Pompey* and *Cæsar*: But when the Senates Authority was pulled Downe, *Cæsar* and *Pompey* soone after brake. The *Faction* or Partie of *Antonius*, and *Octavianus Cæsar*, against *Brutus* and *Cassius*, held out likewise for a time: But when *Brutus* and *Cassius* were ouerthrowne,

³ Firmer. *Firmior et constantior*, 'firmer and more consistent.'

⁴ Stiffe. *Obstinati et pertinaces*, 'obstinate and persevering.'

⁷ Tire out. *In fine defatigare et depellere*, 'in the end tire out and displace.'

⁸ Held out a while. *In satis magno Vigore*, 'with sufficient vigour.'

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It is commonly seene that
men once placed, take in
with the contrarie faction
to that by which they enter.

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to that by which they enter.

¶ The Traitor in Factions
lightly goeth away with it,
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the wyinning of some one

⁹ Brake and Subdiuided. *Cum Partibus suis, paulo post dissilierunt*, 'with their parties soon after divided.'

¹⁰ Proue ciphars and Casheer'd. *Potestate omni excidunt*, 'fall out of all power.'

¹¹ Once Placed. *Postquam Voti compotes sint, et in Dignitate quam ambierunt collocati*, 'when they have obtained their wish and are placed in the dignity which they desired.'

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It is commonly seene, that men once placed, take in with the contrary faction to that, by which they enter.

The Traitor in factions lightly goeth away with it: for when matters haue flucke long in balancing, the winning of some one

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then soone after *Antonius* and *Octavianus* brake and Subdiuided.⁹ These Examples are of Warres, but the same holdeth in Private *Factions*. And therefore, those that are Seconds in *Factions*, doe many times, when the *Faction* Subdiuideth, proue Principals: But many times also, they proue Ciphars and Casheer'd.¹⁰ For many a Mans Strength is in opposition; And when that faileth, he groweth out of vse.

It is commonly seene, that Men once Placed,¹¹ take in with the Contrary *Faction* to that, by which they enter; Thinking belike that they haue the First Sure;¹² And now are Readie for a New Purchase.

The Traitour in *Faction* lightly goeth away with it;¹³ For when Matters haue flucke long in Ballancing, the Winning of some one

¹² That they haue the First Sure, &c. *Se de alterius Factionis Affectu et Studiis, jamdudum certos esse; Itaque ad Amicos novos conciliandos se comparare*, 'that they have been long sure of the goodwill and zeal of the other faction, and so prepare themselves to gain new friends.'

¹³ Lightly goeth away with it. *Plerumque rem obtinet*, 'commonly gets an advantage.'

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man casteth them, and hee
getteth all the thankes.

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Man casteth them, and he
getteth all the thankes.

¹⁴ Truenesse to a Mans Selfe. *A Consilio callido, quandoquidem proximus sibi quisque sit*, 'from a crafty plan, since each man is nearest to himself.'

¹⁶ Haue often in their Mouth. *De quo Vox illa, in Vulgus volitat*, 'about whom this saying is common among the people.'

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man casteth them and he getteth all the thanks. The euen carriage betweene two factions, proceedeth not alwaies of moderation, but of a true-nesse to a mans selfe, with end to make vse of both. Certainly in *Italie* they hold it a little suspect in Popes, when they haue often in their mouth *Padre Commune*, and take it to be a signe of one that meaneth to referre all to the greatnesse of his own house.



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Kings had need beware, how they Side themselues, and make themselues as of a *Faction* or *Partie*:¹⁶ For Leagues, within the State, are euer Pernicious to Monarchies; For they raife an Obligation, Paramount to Obligation of Soueraigntie, and make the King, *Tanquàm vnus ex nobis*.^a As was to be seene, in the *League* of *France*.

When *Factions* are carried too high,¹⁷ and too vio-

^a As one of us.

¹⁶ Faction or Partie. *Factioni alicui Subditorum suorum*, 'any faction of their subjects.'

¹⁷ Carried too high. *Manu forti, et palam, concertant*, 'contend with the strong hand and openly.'

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			<p>lently, it is a Signe of Weaknesse in Princes; And much to the Preiudice, both of their Authoritie, and Businesse.</p> <p>The Motions of <i>Factions</i>, vnder Kings, ought to be like the Motions (as the <i>Astronomers</i> speake) of the Inferiour Orbs; which may haue their Proper Motions, but yet still, are quietly carried, by the Higher Motion, of <i>Primum Mobile</i>.</p>		



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[10.] Of Negociating.



T is generally better to deale by speech then by letter, and by the mediation of a thirde then by a mans selfe. Letters are good when a man woulde draw an answere by letter backe againe, or when it may serue for a mans iustification afterwards to produce his owne letter.

To deale in person is good when a mans face breedes regard, as commonly with inferiours.

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16. Of Negociatinge.



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¹ Justification. *Vbi sua intersit*, 'when it may be to a man's profit.'

² Letter. *Exemplaria Literarum, quas scripsit, producere, et monstrare*, 'to produce and show the copy of the letter which he wrote.'

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33. Of Negociating.

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47. Of Negociating.

IT is generally better to *deale* by Speech, then by Letter; And by the Mediation of a Third, then by a Mans Selfe. Letters are good, when a Man would draw an Answer by Letter backe againe; Or when it may serue, for a Mans Iustification,¹ afterwards to produce his owne Letter;² Or where it may be Danger to be interrupted, or heard by Peeces. To *deale in Person* is good, when a Mans Face breedeth Regard, as Commonly with Inferiours;³ Or in Tender Cases,⁴ where a Mans Eye, vpon the Countenance of him with whom he speaketh, may giue him a Direction, how farre to goe: And generally, where a Man will referue to himselfe Libertie, either to Disavow, or to Expound.⁵ In Choice of *Instru-*

* peeces in Grenville copy, No. 10, 365.

¹ Inferiours. *In Colloquio cum Inferiore*: 'in conversation with an inferior.'

² Tender cases. *Rebus, quas extremis tantum digitis tangere convenit*; 'in cases which should be touched only with the tips of the fingers.'

³ Expound. *Interpretandi ea quæ dixerit*, 'to expound what he has said.'

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III. 1607-12. æt. 47-52.

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fatisfactions sake.

⁶ Instruments. *In tractando per alios*, 'in treating by means of others.'

⁷ Better. *Cautius et melius*, 'safer and better.'

⁸ Grace themselues. *Qui ex aliorum Negotiis, aliquid in se Honoris aut Utilitatis transferre, callidi sunt*, 'that are cunning to transfer to themselves some honour or profit from other men's business.'

IV. 1612. æt. 52.

ments it is better to choose men of a plainer fort, that are like to doe that, that is committed to them, and to report backe againe faithfully the successe, then those that are cunning to contriue out of other mens busines, somewhat to grace themselues, and will helpe the matter in report for satisfaction sake.

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ments,⁶ it is better,⁷ to choose Men of a Plainer Sort, that are like to doe that, that is committed to them, and to report back again faithfully the Successe; Then those, that are Cunning to Contriuie out of other Mens Businesse, somewhat to grace themselues;⁸ And will helpe the Matter, in Report,⁹ for Satisfaction sake. Vse also, such Persons, as affect the Businesse, wherein they are Employed; For that quickneth¹⁰ much; And such, as are Fit for the Matter; As Bold Men for Expostulation, Faire spoken Men for Perswasion, Craftie Men for Enquiry and Obseruation, Froward and Absurd Men for Businesse that doth not well beare out it Selfe.¹¹ Vse also such, as haue beene Luckie, and Preuailed before in Things wherein you haue Employed them; For that breeds Confidence, and

⁶ Help the Matter, in Report. *Atque ea, quæ referent, verbis emollient, ut impense placeant*, 'and smoothe by their words what they report to give great pleasure.'

¹⁰ Quickneth. *Industriam acuit*, 'sharpeneth industry.'

¹¹ Beare out it Selfe. *Quæ aliquid iniqui habent*, 'which have something unjust about them.'

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¶ It is better to found a person with whome one deales a farre off, then to fall vppon the pointe at first, except you meane to surprise him by some shorte question.

¶ It is better dealing with men in appetite then with those which are where they would be.

¶ If a man deale with an other vppon conditions, the starte or first performance is all, which a man can not reasonably demaunde, except either the nature of the thing be such which must goe before, or else a man can perswade the other partie that he shall still neede him in some other thing, or else that he bee counted the honester man.

¶ All practife is to discouer or to worke: men discouer themselues in trust,

It is better to sound a person with whom one deales a farre off, then to fall vppon the pointe at first, except you meane to supprise him by some shorte question.

It is better dealing with men in appetite, then with those which are where they would be.

If a man deale with an other vponn condicions, the start, or first performance is all, which a man cannott reasonably demaunde, except either the nature of the thing be such which must goe before, or els a man can persuade the other partie, that he shall still neede him in some other thing, or els that he be counted the honester Man.

All practize is to discover, or to worke: Men discover themselves in trust,

¹² Striue. *Omnem Lapidem movebunt*, 'will move every stone.'

¹³ Sound afar off. *Primo leviter degustare, et quasi ex longinquo*, 'to try lightly at first, and as if from afar off.'

¹⁴ Surprize. *Irretire et opprimere*, 'entangle and surprise.'

¹⁵ Men in Appetite. *Qui in Ambitu sunt*, 'who are striving for honour.'

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It is better to found a person with whom one deales a farre off, then to fall vpon the point at first, except you meane to supprise him by some short question.

It is better dealing with men in appetite, then with those which are where they would bee.

If a man deale with an other vpon conditions, the start or first performance is all, which a man cannot reasonably demand, except either the nature of the thing be such which must goe before, or else a man can perswade the other party, that hee shall still neede him in some other thing, or else that he be counted the honester man.

All practise is to discover or to worke: Men discover themselves in trust,

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they will striue¹² to maintaine their Prescription.

It is better, to found¹³ a Person, with whom one *Deales*, a farre off, then to fall vpon the Point at first; Except you meane to surprize¹⁴ him by some Short Question.

It is better *Dealing* with Men in Appetite,¹⁵ then with those that are where they would be.

If a man *Deale* with another vpon Conditions, the Start or First Performance¹⁶ is all; Which a Man cannot reasonably Demaund, except either the Nature of the Thing be such, which must goe before; Or Else a Man can perswade the other Partie, that hee shall still need him, in some other Thing; Or else that he be counted the Honester Man.¹⁷

All Practise¹⁸ is to *Discover*, or to *Worke*. Men *Discover* themselves, in Trust,¹⁹

¹² Start or First Performance. *Prima veluti Occupatio, aut Possessio Votorum, in præcipuis numeranda*, 'the first seizure, as it were, or the possession of one's wishes, is to be considered the chief point.'

¹⁷ Honester Man. *Pro Homine imprimis integro et verace*, 'for a man especially upright and truthful.'

¹⁸ Practise. *Negotiatio*, 'negotiation.'

¹⁹ In Trust. *Vel Animum suum communicando*, 'either by communicating their minds.'

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* pretext, in 1598 Edition.

§ weaknesse, in 1598 Edition.

²⁰ In Passion. *Vel cum Ira commoti sunt, nec se bene cohibere sciunt;*
'or when moved with anger and unable to restrain themselves.'

²¹ Work any Man. *Si quem ad Nutum fingere cupias, ut inde efficias aliquid;* 'if you would work any man to your will to gain anything thereby.'

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in passion, at vnawares, and of necessity, when they would haue somewhat done, and cannot finde an apt pretext. If you would worke any man, you must either know his nature, and fashions, and so leade him; or his endes, and so perswade him; or his weaknes or disaduantages, and so awe him, or those that haue interest in him, and so gouerne them.

In dealing with cunning persons, we must euer consider their endes to interpret their speeches; and it is good to say little to them, and that which they least looke for



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In Passion,²⁰ At vnawares; And of Necessitie, when they would haue somewhat done, and cannot finde an apt Pretext. If you would *Worke* any Man,²¹ you must either know his Nature, and Fashions, and so Lead him; Or his Ends, and so Perswade him; Or his Weaknesse, and Disaduantages, and so Awe him; or those that haue Interest²² in him, and so Gouerne him.

In *Dealing* with Cunning Persons, we must euer Consider their Ends,²³ to interpret their Speeches; And it is good, to say little to them, and that which they least looke for.

In all *Negotiations* of Difficultie, a Man may not looke, to Sowe and Reape at once; But must Prepare Businesse, and so Ripen it by Degrees.



²² Those that haue Interest. *Aut denique Amici ejus, qui plurimum apud eum valent, conciliandi*, 'or lastly, you must conciliate his friends, who have the greatest influence with him.'

²³ Consider their Ends. *Verbis eorum minime credendum, nisi Fines et Intentiones eorum habeas Verborum Interpretes*, 'their words must be but little believed, unless you have their ends and intentions to interpret their words.'



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MEDITATIONES SACRÆ.

De operibus Dei et hominis.



*V*idit Deus omnia quæ fecerant manus eius, et erant bona nimis: homo autem conuersus, ut videret opera quæ fecerunt manus eius, inuenit quoddam omnia erant vanitas, et vexatio spiritus.

Quare si opera Dei operaberis, sudor tuus ut unguentum aromatum, et feriatio tua ut Sabbathum Dei. Laborabis in sudore bonæ conscientiæ, et feriabere in otio fauissimæ contemplationis. Si autem post magnalia hominum persequeris, erit tibi in operando stimulus et angustia, et in recordando fastidium, et exprobratio. Et merito tibi euenit (ô homo) ut cum tu qui es opus Dei, non retribuas ei beneplacientiam; etiam opera tua reddant tibi fructum similem amaritudinis.

De miraculis Seruatoris.

Bene omnia fecit.



*V*erus plausus; Deus cum vniuersa crearet, vidit quoddam singula, et omnia erant bona nimis. Deus verbum in miraculis quæ edidit (omne autem miraculum est noua

Of the workes of God and man.



God beheld all things which his hands had made, and lo they were al passing good. But when man turned him about, and tooke a view of the workes which his hands had made, he found all to bee vanitie and vexation of spirit: wherefore if thou shalt worke in the workes of God, thy sweat shall bee as an ointment of odours, and thy rest as the Sabbaoth of God. Thou shalt trauaile in the sweate of a good conscience, and shall keepe holyday in the quietnesse and libertie of the sweetest contemplations. But if thou shalt aspire after the glorious actes of men, thy working shall bee accompanied with compunction and strife, and thy remembrance followed with distast and vpbraidings, and iustly doeth it come to passe towards thee (O man) that since thou which art Gods worke doest him no reason in yeelding him well pleasing seruice, euen thine owne workes also should rewarde thee with the like fruit of bitternesse.

Of the miracles of our Saniour.

He hath done all things well.



True confession and applause: God when hee created all things, saw that euery thing in particular, and all thinges in generall were exceeding good, God the worde in the miracles which hee wrought (now euery miracle is a new creation and not according to

creatio, et non ex lege primæ creationis) nil facere voluit, quod non gratiam, et beneficentiam omnino spiraret. Moses edidit miracula, et profligauit Ægyptios pestibus multis; Elias edidit, et occlusit cælum ne plueret super terram; et rursus eduxit de cælo ignem dei super duces, et cohortes; Elizeus edidit, et euocauit vrsas ex deserto quæ laniarent impuberes; Petrus Ananiam sacrilegum hypocritam morte; Paulus Elimam magum cæcitate percussit: Sed nihil huiusmodi fecit Iesus. Descendit super eum spiritus in forma columbæ, de quo dixit, Nescitis cuius spiritus sitis, spiritus Iesu, spiritus columbinus, fuerunt illi serui dei, tanquam boues dei triturantes granum, et conculcantes paleam: sed Iesus Agnus dei sine ira, et iudicijs. Omnia eius miracula circa corpus humanum, et doctrina eius circa animam humanam. Indiget corpus hominis alimento, defensione ab externis, et curâ. Ille multitudinem piscium in retibus congregauit, ut uberiores victum hominibus preberet, ille alimentum aquæ in dignius alimentum vini ad exhilarandum cor hominis conuertit. Ille ficum, quod officio suo ad quod destinatum fuit, ad cibum hominis videlicet non fungeretur, arefieri iussit. Ille penuriam piscium, et panum ad alendum exercitum populi dilatauit: Ille ventos quod nauigantibus minarentur corripuit: Ille claudis motum cæcis lumen, mutis sermonem, languidis sanitatem, leprosis carnem mundam, demoniacis animum integrum, mortuis vitam restituit. Nullum miraculum iudicij, omnia beneficentiæ, et circa corpus humanum, nam circa diuitias non est dignatus edere miracula; nisi hoc vnicum, ut tributum daretur Cæsari.

the first creation) would do nothing which breathed not towards men fauour and bountie. Moyfes wrought miracles and scourged the Egyptians with many plagues. Elias wrought miracles and shut vp heauen that no raine should fall vppon the earth, and againe brought downe from heauen the fire of God vpon the captaines and their bands. Elizeus wrought also and called Beares out of the defart to deuour yong children. Peter stroke Ananias the sacrilegious hipocrite with present death, and Paule Elimas the forcerer with blindnesse, but no such thing did Iesus, the spirit of God descended downe vppon him in the forme of a Doue, of whom he said, *You know not of what spirit you are.* The spirite of Iesus is the spirit of a Doue, those seruants of God were as the Oxen of God treading out the corne and trampling the strawe downe vnder their feete, but Iesus is the Lambe of God without wrath or iudgementes. All his miracles were consummate about mans bodie, as his doctrine respected the soule of man. The body of man needeth these things, sustenance, defence from outward wronges, and medicine, it was he that drew a multitude of fishes into the nets that hee might giue vnto men more liberall prouison. He turned water, a lesse worthy nourishment of mans body, into wine a more worthy, that glads the heart of man. He sentenced the Figge tree to wither for not doing that duetie whereunto it was ordayned, which is to beare fruit for mens foode. He multiplyed the scarcitie of a few loues and fishes to a sufficiency to victuaile an host of people. He rebuked the winds that threatned destruction to the seafaring men: He restored motion to the lame, light to the blinde, speech to the dumbe, health to the sick, cleannesse to the leprous, a right mind to those that were possessed, and life to the dead. No miracle of his is to bee found to haue beene of iudgement or reuenge, but all of goodnesse and mercy, and respecting mans bodie; for as touching riches he did not vouchsafe to do any miracle, saue one onely that tribute might be giuen to Cesar.

**De Columbina innocentia, et Serpentina
prudentia.**

Non accipit stultus verba prudentiæ, nisi ea dixeris quæ
versantur in corde eius.



Iudicio hominis deprauato et corrupto, omnis quæ adhibetur eruditio et persuasio irrita est, et despectui quæ non ducit exordium a detectione, et representatione malæ complexionis animi sanandi, quem admodum inutiliter adhibetur medicina non pertentato vulnere. Nam homines malitiosi, qui nihil sani cogitant, præoccupant hoc sibi, ut putent bonitatem ex simplicitate morum, ac inscitia quadam, et imperitia rerum humanarum gigni. Quare nisi perspexerint ea quæ versantur in corde suo, id est, penitissimas latebras malitiæ suæ perlustratas esse, ei qui suasum molitur, de ridiculo habent verba prudentiæ; Itaque ei qui ad bonitatem aspirat, non solitariam, et particularem, sed feminalem, et genitiuam quæ alios trahat, debent esse omninò nota, quæ ille vocat Profunda Satanæ; ut loquatur cum auctoritate et insinuatione vera: Hinc est illud, Omnia probate, quod bonum est tenete. Inducens electionem iudiciosam ex generali examinatione: Ex eodem fonte est illud; Estote prudentes sicut serpentes, innocentes sicut columbæ. Non est deus serpentis, nec venenum nec aculeus, quæ non probata debeant esse, nec pollutionem quis timeat,

**Of the innocency of the Doue, and wisdom of the
Serpent.**

*The foole receyueh not the words of wisdom, except
thou discover to him what he hath in his heart.*



O a man of a peruerse and corrupt iudgement all instruction or perswasion is fruitlesse and contemptible, which beginsnes not with discoverie, and laying open of the distemper and ill complexion of the mind which is to be recured as a plaister is vnseasonably applyed before the wound be searched: for men of corrupt vnderstanding that haue lost al sound discerning of good and euill, come possesed with this preiudicate opinion, that they think al honesty and goodnes proceedeth out of a simplicity of manners, and a kind of want of experience and vnacquaintance with the affaires of the worlde. Therefore except they may perceiue that those thinges which are in their hartes, that is to say, their owne corrupt principles, and the deepest reaches of their cunning and rottennesse to bee thoroughly sounded and knowne to him that goeth about to perswade with them they make but a play of the words of wisdom. Therefore it behooueth him which aspireth to a goodnes (not retired or particular to himselfe, but a fructifying and begetting goodnesse, which should draw on others) to know those pointes, which he called in the Reuelation the deepes of Sathan. That hee may speake with authoritie and true insinuation. Hence is the precept: *Try all things and hold that which is good*, which indureth a discerning election out of an examination whence nothing at all is excluded, out of the same fountain ariseth that direction: *Be you wise as serpents, and innocent as doves*. There are neither teeth nor stings, nor venime, nor wreathes and fouldes of serpents which ought not to be all known, and as far as ex-

nam et sol ingreditur latrinas, nec inquinatur, nec quis se deum tentare credat, nam ex præcepto est, Et sufficiens est Deus ut vos immaculatos custodiat.

De exaltatione Charitatis.

Si gauisus sum ad ruinam eius qui oderat me, et exaltaui quod inuenisset eum malum.



Detestatio Iob; amicos redamare, est charitas publicanorum ex fœdere utilitatis, versus inimicos autem bene animatos esse, est ex apicibus iuris Christiani, et imitatio diuinitatis. Rursus tamen huius charitatis complures sunt gradus, quorum primus est inimicis resipiscentibus ignoscere, ac huius quidem charitatis etiam apud generosas feras umbra quædam, et imago reperitur; nam et leones in se submittentes, et prosternentes non ulterius sæuire perhibentur. Secundus gradus est inimicis ignoscere, licet sint duriores, et absque reconciliationum piaculis. Tertius gradus est non tantum veniam, et gratiam inimicis largiri, sed etiam merita, et beneficia in eos conferre. Sed habent hi gradus, aut habere possunt, nescio quid potius ex ostentatione, aut saltem animi magnitudine quàm ex charitate pura. Nam cum quis virtutem ex se emanare, et effluere sentit, fieri potest ut is efferatur, et potius virtutis suæ fructu quàm salute, et bono proximi delectetur. Sed si aliunde malum aliquod inimicum tuum deprehendat, et

amination doth lead, tryed: neyther let any man here feare infection or pollution, for the sunne entreth into sinkes and is not defiled. Neyther let any man thinke that herein he tempteth God, for this diligence and generality of examination is commanded, and *God is sufficient to preſerue you immaculate and pure.*

Of the exaltation of Charitie.

If I haue reioyced at the ouerthrow of him that hated me, or tooke pleaſure when aduerſity did befall him.



He detestation or renouncing of Iobe. For a man to loue againe where he is loued, it is the Charitie of Publicanes contracted by mutuall profite, and good offices, but to loue a mans enemies is one of the cunningest pointes of the lawe of Christi, and an imitation of the diuine nature. But yet againe of this charitie there be dyuers degrees, whereof the first is to pardon our enemies when they repent: of which charitie there is a shadow and image euen in noble beastes, for of Lyons it is a receyued opinion, that their fury and fiercenesse ceaseth towards any thing that yeeldeth and prostrateth it selfe. The seconde degree is to pardon our enemies, though they persist and without satisfactions and submissions. The thirde degree is not onely to pardon and forgiue and forbear our enemies, but to deserue well of them, and to do them good. But all these three degrees either haue or may haue in them a certaine brauery and greatness of the minde, rather then pure Charity: for when a man perceyueth vertue to proceede and flow from himselfe, it is possible that he is puffed vp and takes contentment rather in the fruit of his owne vertue, then in the good of his neighbors: but if any euill ouertake the enemy from any other coast, then from thy selfe, and thou in the inwardest motions of thy

tu in interioribus cellulis cordis graueris, et angustieris, nec, quasi dies ultionis, et vindictæ tuæ aduenisset, læteris; hoc ego fastigium, et exaltationem charitatis esse pono.

De mensura curarum.

Sufficit diei malitia sua.



Odus esse in curis humanis debet, alioqui et inutiles sunt, ut quæ animum opprimant, et iudicium confundant, et profanæ, ut quæ sapiant animum, qui perpetuitatem quandam in rebus mundanis sibi spondeat. Hodierni enim debemus esse ob breuitatem æui, et non crastini, sed ut ille ait, Carpentem diem, Erunt enim futura præsentia vice sua; Quare sufficit sollicitudo præsentium. Neque tamen curæ moderatæ, siue sint æconomicæ, siue publicæ, siue rerum mandatarum notantur. Sed hic duplex est excessus. Primus cum curarum series in Longitudinem nimiam, et tempora remotiora extendimus, ac si prouidentiam diuinam apparatu nostro ligare possemus, quod semper etiam apud Ethnicos infaustum et insolens fuit. Fere enim qui Fortunæ multum tribuerunt, et ad occasiones præsentis alacres, et præstidi fuerunt, felicitate magna usi sunt. Qui autem altum sapientes, omnia curata et meditata habere confisi sunt, infortunia subierunt. Secundus excessus est, cum in curis immoramur diutius quàm opus est ad iustam deliberationem, et ad decretum faciendum. Quis enim nostrum est, qui tantum curet, quantum sufficit, ut se explicet, vel sese explicare non posse iudicet, et

hart beest grieued and compassionate and doest no waies insult as if thy dayes of right and reuenge were at the last come. This I interprete to be the height and exaltation of Charity.

Of the moderation of cares.

Sufficient for the day is the euill thereof.



Here ought to bee a m[e]an sure in worldly cares otherwise they are both vnprofitable, as those which oppresse the mind and astonish the iudgement, and prophane as those which saue of a mind which promifeth to it selfe a certain perpetuity in the things of this world: for we ought to be daies-men, and not to morrowes men, considering the shortnesse of our time, and as he saith: *Laying hold on the present day*: for future things shall in their turnes become present: therefore the care of the present sufficeth: and yet moderate cares (whether they concerne our particular or the common wealth, or our friends) are not blamed. But herein is a twofold exceffe, the one when the chaine or thread of our cares extended and spunne out to an ouer great length, and vnto times too farre off, as if we could bind the diuine prouidence by our prouisions, which euen with the heathen was alwaies found to be a thing insolent and vnluckie, for those which did attribute much to fortune, and were ready and at hand to apprehende with alacritie the present occasions, haue for the most part in their actions beene happie. But they who in a compasse wisedome haue entred into a confidence that they had belayed all euent, haue for the most parte encountred misfortune. The second exceffe is, when we dwel longer in our cares then is requisite for due deliberating or firme resoluing: for who is there amongst vs that careth no more then sufficeth eyther to resolue of a course. or to conclude vpon an

non eadem sæpe retractet, et in eodem cogitationum circuitu inutiliter hæreat, et denique evanescat? Quod genus curarum, et diuinis et humanis rationibus aduersiffimum est.

De Spe terrestri.

Melior est oculorum visio, quàm animi progressio.



Ensus purus in singula meliorem reddit conditionem, et politiam mentis, quàm istæ imaginationes et progressiones animi. Natura enim animi humani etiam in ingenijs grauissimis est, ut à sensu singulorum statim progrediatur, et saliat, et omnia auguretur fore talia, quale illud est quod præsentem sensum incutit, si boni est sensus facilis est ad spem indefinitam, si mali est sensus, ad metum: unde illud, Fallitur augurio spes bona sæpe suo, et contra illud, Pessimus in dubijs augur. Sed tamen timoris est aliquis fructus, præparat enim tolerantium, et acuit industriam; Non vlla laborum ô virgo noua mî facies inopauè furgit. Omnia præcepi, atque animo mecum ante peregi. Spes vero inutile quiddam videtur. Quorsùm enim ista anticipatio boni? Attende, si minùs eueniat bonum quàm speres, bonum licet sit, tamen quia minùs sit, videtur damnum potiùs quàm lucrum ob excessum spei. Si par et tantum sit, et euentus sit spei æqualis, tamen flos boni per spem decerpitur, et videtur ferè obsoletum, et fastidio magis finitimum. Si maior sit successus spe, videtur aliquid

impossibilitie, and doth not still chewe ouer the same thinges, and treade a mace in the same thoughtes, and vaniseth in them without issue or conclusion, which kind of cares are most contrary to all diuine and humane respects.

Of earthly hope.

Better is the sight of the eye, then the apprehension of the mind.



DVre sense receiuing euery thing according to the naturall impression makes a better state and gouernment of the mind then these same imaginations and apprehensions of the mind: for the minde of man hath this nature and propertie, euen in the grauest and most settled wits, that from the sense of euery particular, it doeth as it were bound and spring forward, and take holde of other matters foretelling to it self that all shal proue like vnto that which beateth vpon the present sense: if the sense be of good, it easily runnes into an vnlimited hope, and into a like feare, when the sense is of euill, according as is said:

The oracles of hopes doth oft abuse.

And that contrary,

A frowarde southfayer is feare in doubts.

But yet of feare there may bee made some vse, for it prepareth patience, and awaketh industry.

No shape of ill comes new or strange to me.

All sorts set downe, yea and prepared be

But hope seemeth a thing altogether vnprofitable, for to what ende serueth this conceit of good. Consider and note a little if the good fall out lesse then thou hopest, good though it bee, yet lesse because it is, it seemeth rather losse then benefite through thy excessse of hope: in the good proue equall and proportionable in euent to thy hope, yet the flower thereof

lucri factum, verum est; sed annon melius fuisset sortem lucrificasse nihil sperando quàm usuram minùs sperando? Atque in rebus secundis ita operatur spes; in malis autem robur verum animi soluit. Nam neque semper spei materia suppetit, et destitutione aliqua vel minima spei, vniuersa fere firmitudo animi corrui, et minorem efficit dignitatem mentis, cùm mala tolleramus alienatione quadam, et errore mentis, non fortitudine et iudicio. Quare satis leuiter finxere Poetæ spem antidotum humanorum morborum esse, quòd dolores eorum mitiget, cùm sit reuera incensio potiùs, et exasperatio, quæ eos multiplicari, et recrudescere faciat. Nihilominùs fit, vt plerique hominum imaginationibus spei et progressibus istis mentis omnind se dedant, ingrati in præterita obliuiscuntur, præsentium semper iuuenes, tantum futuris imminant. Vidi vniuersos ambulantes sub sole cum adolescente secundo, qui confurget post eum; quod pessimus morbus est, et status mentis insanissimus. Quæras fortasse annon melius sit, cùm res in dubia expectatione positæ sint, bene diuinare, et potiùs sperare quàm diffidere, cum spes maiorem tranquillitatem animi conciliet. Ego fane in omni mora, et expectatione tranquillum, et non fluctuantem animi statum ex bona mentis politia, et compositione, summum humanæ vitæ firmamentum iudico. Sed eam tranquillitatem, quæ ex spe pendeat, vt leuem et infirmam recuso. Non quia non conueniat tam bona quàm mala

by thy hope is gathered, so as when it comes, the grace of it is gone, and it seemes vsed and therefore sooner draweth on faciey: admit thy successe proue better then thy hope, it is true gaine seemes to bee made: but had it not beene better to haue gayned the principall by hoping for nothing then the encrease by hoping for lesse. And this is the operation of Hope in good fortunes, but in misfortunes it weakeneth all force and vigor of the mind: for neither is there alwaies matter of hope, and if there be, yet if it faile but in part, it doth wholly ouerthrow the constancie and resolution of the mind, and besides though it doeth carry vs through, yet is it a greater dignitie of mind to beare euilles by fortitude and iudgement, then by a kind of absenting and alienation of the mind from thinges present to thinges future, for that it is to hope. And therefore it was much lightnesse in the Poets to faine Hope to bee as a counterpoyson of humaine deceases, as to mitigate and assuage the fury and anger of them, whereas in deede it doth kindle and enrage them, and causeth both doubling of them and relapses. Notwithstanding we see that the greatest number of men giue themselves ouer to their imaginations of hope and apprehensions of the mind, in such sort that vngratefull towards thinges past, and in a manner vnmindfull of things present, as if they were euer children and beginners, they are still in longing for things to come. *I saw all men walking vnder the sunne resort and gather to the second person, which was afterwarde to succcede, this is an euill disease and a great idlenesse of the mind.*

But perhaps you will aske the question, whether it be not better when thinges stand in doubtfull termes, to presume the best, and rather hope wel then distrust, specially seeing that hope doeth cause a greater tranquillitie of minde.

Surely I doe iudge a state of minde, which in all doubtfull expectations is setled and stoteth not, and doeth this out of a good gouernment and composition of the affections, to be one of the principall supports

ex sana et sobria coniectura præuidere, et præsupponere, ut actiones ad probabilitatem euentuum magis accomodemus; modò sit hoc officium intellectus ac iudicij cum iusta inclinatione affectus. Sed quem ita spes coeruit; ut cum ex vigilantibus et firmo mentis discursu meliora, ut magis probabilia sibi prædixerit, non in ipsa boni anticipatione immoratus sit, et huiusmodi cogitationi, ut somnio placido indulserit? Atque hoc est quod reddit animum leuem, tumidum, inæqualem, peregrinantem. Quare omnis spes in futuram vitam cœlestem consumenda est. Hic autem quanto purior sit præsentium sensus absque infectione, et tinctura imaginationis, tanto prudentior et melior anima vitæ summæ brevis spem nos vetat meliorare longam.

De Hypocritis.

Misericordiam volo, et non Sacrificium.



*Q*uoniam iactatio Hypocritarum est in operibus primæ tabulæ legis, quæ est de venerationibus Deo debitæ. Ratio duplex est, tum quòd huiusmodi opera maiorem habent pompam Sanctitatis, tum quòd cupiditatibus eorum minùs aduersentur. Itaque redargutio hypocritarum est, ut ab operibus sacrificij remittantur ad opera misericordiæ, vnde illud,

of mans life: But that assurance and repose of the mind, which onely rides at anchor vpon hope. I doeiect as wauering and weake, not that it is not conuenient to foresee and presuppose out of a sound and sober coniecture as well the good as the euill, that thereby we may fit out actions to the probabilities and likelihoods of their euent, so that this be a worke of the vnderstanding and iudgement with a due bent and inclination of the affection: But which of you hath so kept his hopes within limites, as when it is so that you haue out of a watchfull and strong discourse of the minde set downe the better successe to bee in apparancy the more likely you haue not dwelt vpon the very muse and forethought of the good to come and giuing scope and fauour to your minde to fall into such cogitations as into a pleasant dreame: and this it is which makes the mind light, frothy, vnequall and wandring: wherefore all our hope is to bee bestowed vpon the heauenly life to come. But here on earth the purer our sense is from the infection and tincture of imagination, the better and the wiser soule.

*The summe of life to little doth amount,
And therefore doth forbidde a longer count.*

Of Hipocrites.

I demand mercy and not sacrifice.



Al the boasting of the Hipocrite is of the workes of the first table of the law, which is of adoration and dutie towards God: wherof the reason is double both because such workes haue a greater pompe and demonstration of holinesse, and also because they do lesse crosse their affections and desires, therefore the way to conuict Hipocrites, is to sende them from the workes of sacrifice to the workes of mercy, whence commeth that saying.

Religio munda et immaculata apud Deum et patrem hæc est, visitare pupillos et viduas in tribulatione eorum, *et illud*, Qui non diligit fratrem suum quem vidit, Deum quem non vidit quomodo potest diligere? *Quidam autem altioris et inflationis Hypocrisiæ seipsos decipientes, et existimantes se arctiore cum Deo conuersatione dignos, officia charitatis in proximum ut minora negligunt. Qui error monasticæ vitæ non principium quidem dedit, (nam initia bona fuerunt,) sed excessum addidit. Rectè enim dictum est, Orandi munus magnum esse munus in ecclesia, et ex usu ecclesiæ est, ut sint cætus hominum à mundanis curis soluti, qui assiduis et deuotis precibus Deum pro ecclesiæ statu sollicitent. Sed huic ordinationi illa hypocrisis finitima est, nec vniuersa institutio reprobatur, sed spiritus illi se efferentes cohibentur: nam et Enoch qui ambulauit cum Deo, prophetizauit, ut est apud Iudam, atque fructum suæ prophetiæ ecclesiam donauit. Et Iohannes Bapt. quem Principem quidam vitæ monasticæ volunt, multo ministerio functus est tum prophetizationis, tum Baptizationis. Nam ad alios istos in deum officiosos refertur illa interrogatio, Si iustè egeris, quid donabis Deo, aut quid de manu tua accipiet. Quare opera miserecordiæ sunt opera discretionis hypocritarum. Contra autem fit cum hæreticis, nam ut hypocritæ simulata sua sanctitate versus Deum, iniurias suas versus homines obducunt; ita hæretici moralitate quadam versus homines, blasphemias suas contra Deum insinuant.*

This is pure and immaculate religion with God the father, to visite Orphanes and widowes in their tribulations. And that saying: He that loueth not his brother whome he hath seene, how can hee loue God whom hee hath not seene.

Now there is another kind of deeper and more extrauagant hipocrisie, for some deceiuing themselues, and thinking themselues worthy of a more neere accessse and conuersation with God do neglect the duties of charity towards their neighbour, as inferior matters, which did not in deede cause originally the beginning of a monastical life (for the beginnings were good) but brought in that excesse and abuse which are followed after: for it is truly said, *That the office of praying is a great office in the Church.* And it is for the good of the Church, that there bee comforts of men freed from the cares of this world, who may with dayly and deuout supplications and obseruances sollicit the diuine maiestie, for the causes of the Church. But vnto this ordinance that other Hipocrisie is a nigh neyghbour, neyther is the generall institution to be blamed, but those spirites which exalt themselues too high to be refrained: for euen *Enoch*, which was faide to walke with God, did prophesie, as is deliuered vnto us by Iude, and did indowe the Church with the fruite of his prophesie which hee left: and Iohn Baptist vnto whom they did referre as to the authour of a monasticall life, trauailed and exercised much in the ministerie both of prophesie and baptizing, for as to these others who are so officious towards God, to them belongeth that question: *If thou do iustly what is that to God, or what profite doeth he take by thy handes?* wherefore the workes of mercy are they which are the workes of distinction, whereby to find out Hypocrites. But with Heretikes it is contrary, for as Hipocrites with their dissembling holinesse towards God doe palliate and couer their iniuries towards men: So Heretikes by their moralitie and honest carriage towards men insinuate and make way for their blasphemies against God.

De Impostoribus.

Siue mente excedimus Deo, siue sobrii fumus vobis.



Era est ista effigies, et verum temperamentum viri, cui Religio penitus in præcordijs insedit, et viri operarij Dei. Conuersatio ei quæ cum Deo est, plena excessus, et zeli, et extasis. Hinc gemitus ineffabiles, et exultationes, et raptus spiritus, et agones. At quæ cum hominibus est, plena mansuetudinis, et sobrietatis, et morigerationis; Hinc Omnia omnibus factus sum, et huiusmodi. Contra fit in hypocritis et impostoribus: Ii enim in populo et ecclesia incendunt se et excedunt, et veluti sacris furoribus afflati omnia miscent. Si quis autem eorum solitudines, et separatas meditationes, et cum Deo conuersationes introspeciat, deprehendet eas non tantum frigidæ, et sine motu, sed plenas malitiæ et fermenti, sobrij Deo, mente excedentes populo.

De generibus imposturae.

Deuita prophanas vocum nouitates, et oppositiones falsi nominis scientiæ.

Ineptas et aniles fabulas deuita.

Nemo vos decipiat in sublimitate sermonum.



Res sunt sermones, et veluti stili imposturae. Primum genus est eorum qui statim ut aliquam materiam nacti sunt, artem conficiunt, vocabula artis imponunt, omnia in

Of Impostors.

*Whether we be transported in mind it is to Godward.
Or whether we be sober it is to youwardes.*



His is the true image and true temper of a man, and of him that is Gods faithfull workman, his carriage and conuersation towards God is full of passion, of zeale, and of tramisses, thence proceed grones vnspeakeable, and exultinges, likewise in comfort, rauishment of spirit and agonies. But contrariwise his cariage and conuersation towards men is full of mildnesse, sobrietie, and appliable demeanor. Hence is that saying, *I am become all things to all men*, and such like. Contrary it is with Hipocrites and Imposters, for they in the church and before the people set themselues on fire, and are caried as it were out of themselues, and becomming as men inspired with holy furies, they set heauen and earth together: but if a man did see their solitarie and seperate meditations, and conuersation whereunto God is onely priuy, he might towards God find them not onely cold and without vertue, but also full of ill nature, and leauen: *Sober enough to God, and transported onely towards men.*

Of the generall kinds of Imposture.

*Auoid prophane strangenes of wordes and oppositions
of knowledge, falsely so called.*

Auoid fond and idle fables:

Let no man deceiue you by high speech:



Here are three formes of speaking, which are as it were the stile and phraze of imposture: the first kind is of them, who as soone as they haue gotten any subiect or matter, doe straight cast it into an arte,

distinctiones redigunt, inde posita vel themata educunt, et ex quæstionibus, et responsionibus oppositiones conficiunt; Hinc Scholasticorum quisquiliæ et turbæ. Secundum genus est eorum, qui vanitate ingenij, vt sacri quidem Poetæ, omnem exemplorum varietatem ad mentes hominum tractandas confingunt, vnde vitæ patrum, et antiquorum hæreticorum figmenta innumera. Tertium genus eorum, qui mysterijs, et grandiloquijs, allegorijs, et allusionibus omnia implet: quod genus mysticum et gnosticum complures hæretici sibi delegerunt. Primum genus sensum et captum hominis illaqueat, secundum allicit, tertium stupefacit, seducunt vero omnia.

De Atheismo.

Dixit insipiens in corde suo; non est Deus.



Dixit in corde, non ait, cogitavit in corde; hoc est, non tam ita sentit penitus, sed vult hoc credere, quoniam expedire sibi videt, vt non sit Deus omni ratione sibi hoc suadare, et in animum inducere conatur; et tanquàm thema aliquod, vel positum, vel placitum asserere, et astruere, et firmare studet. Manet tamen ille igniculus luminis primi, quo Diuinitatem agnoscimus, quem prorsus extinguere, et stimulum illum ex corde euellere frustra nititur. Quare

inuenting newe tearmes of art, reducing all into diuisions and distinctions, thence drawing assertions or positions, and so framing oppositions by questions and answeres, hence issueth the copwebbes and clatterings of the Schoolemen.

The seconde kinde is of them who out of the vanity of their wit (as Church poets) doe make and deuise all variety of tales, stories, and examples, whereby they may leade mens mindes to a beliefe, from whence did growe the Legendes and infinite fabulous inuentions and dreames of the ancient heretikes.

The third kinde is of them, who fill mens ears with misteries, high parables, Allegories, and illusions: which mysticall and profound forme many of the hereticks haue also made choyce of. By the first kind of these, the capacitie and wit of man is fettered and entangled: by the seconde it is trayned on and inueigled: by the thirde it is astonished and enchanted, but by euery of them the while it is seduced and abused.

Of Atheisme.

The foole hath said in his heart there is no God.



First it is to be noted that the Scripture saith, the foole hath said in his heart, and not he hath thought in his heart, that is to say, he doth not so fully thinke it in iudgement, as he hath a good will to bee of that beliefe, for seeing it makes not for him that there shoulde bee a God, he doeth seeke by all meanes accordingly, to perswade and resolute himselfe, and studies to affirme, proue and verifie it to himselfe as some theame or position, al which labor, notwithstanding that sparkle of our creation light, whereby men acknowledge a Deitie, burneth still within, and in vayne doth he strue vtterly to alienate it or put it out, so that it is out of the corruption of his heart and will, and not out of the naturall apprehension of his braine and con-

ex malitia voluntatis suæ, et non ex nativo sensu, et iudicio hoc supponit, ut ait comicus Poeta. Tunc animus meus accessit ad meam sententiam, quasi ipse alter esset ab animo suo. Itaque Atheista magis dixit in corde, quàm sentit in corde, quòd non sit Deus. Secundò, dixit in corde, non ore locutus est, sed notandum est hoc metu legis et famæ fieri, Nam ut ait ille, Negare Deos difficile est in concione populi, sed in concessu familiari expeditum. Nam si hoc vinculum tollatur è medio, non est hæresis quæ maiore studio se pandere, et spargere, et multiplicare nitatur quàm Atheismus. Nec videas eos qui in hanc mentis insaniam immergi sunt, aliud ferè spirare, et importunè inculcare, quàm verba atheismi, ut in Lucretio Epicureo, qui ferè suam in Religionem inuectivam singulis alijs subiectis intercalarem facit. Ratio videtur esse, quòd Atheista cum sibi non satis acquiescat æstuans, nec sibi satisficiens, et crebra suæ opinionis deliquia in interioribus patiens ab aliorum assensu refocillari cupit. Nam recte dictum est. Qui alteri opinionem approbare sedulò cupit, ipse diffidit. Tertiò insipiens est, qui hoc in corde dixit, quod verissimum est, non tantum quòd diuina non sapiat, sed etiam secundum hominem. Primò enim ingenia, quæ sunt in Atheismum proniora, videas ferè leuia, et dicacia, et audacula, et insolentia: eius denique compositionis, quæ prudentiæ, et gravitati morum aduersissima est. Secundò inter viros politicos, qui altioris ingenij et latioris cordis fuerunt,

ceit, that he doth fet downe his opinion, as the comi-call Poet saith: *Then came my mind to bee of mine opinion*, as if himselfe and his mind had beene two diuers things: Therefore the Atheist hath rather saide and helde it in his heart, then thought or belieued in his heart that there is no God. Secondly it is to be obserued, that hee hath saide in his heart, and not spoken it with his mouth. But again you shall note, that this smothering of this perswasion within the hart commeth to passe for feare of gouernment and of speech amongst men: for as he saith, *To deny God in a publike argument were much, but in a familiar conference were currant enough*. For if this bridle were remoued, there is no heresie which would contende more to spread and multiply, and disseminate it self abroad then atheisme, neither shall you see those men which are drencht in this frensie of minde to breath almost any thing els, or to inculcate euen without occasion, any thing more then speech tending to Atheisme, as may appeare in Lucretias the Epicure, who makes of his inuectiues against religion, as it were a burthen or verse of returne to all his other discourses: the reason seemes to bee, for that the Atheist not relying sufficiently vpon him self, floting in mind, and vnsatisfied and induring within many faintings, and as it were fals of his opinion, desires by other mens opinions agreeing with his to be recouered and brought againe: for it is a true saying:

Who so laboureth earnestly to proue an opinion to an other, himselfe distrusts it.

Thirdly, it is a foole that hath so saide in his heart, which is most true, not onely in respect that he hath no taste in those thinges which are supernaturall and diuine: but in respect of humane and ciuile wisedome: for first of all, if you marke the wits and dispositions which are inclyned to Atheisme, you shall finde them light, scoffing, impudent, and vayne: briefly, of such a constitution, as is most contrarie to wisedome and morall grauitie. Secondly, amongst states men and

Religionem non arte quadam ad populum adhibuerunt, sed interiore dogmate coluere, ut qui providentiæ et fortunæ plurimum tribuerint. Contra qui artibus suis, et industrijs, et causis proximis, et apparentibus omnia ascripserunt, et ut ait Propheta, Retibus suis immolarunt, pusilli fuerunt politici, et circumforanei, et magnitudinis actionum in capaces. Tertiò, in phycis et illud affirmo parùm Philosophiæ naturalis, et in-ea progressum liminarem ad Atheismum opiniones inclinare. Contra multum Philosophiæ naturalis, et progressum in ea penetrantem ad Religionem animos circumferre. Quare atheismus stultitiæ et inscitiae ubique conuictus esse videtur, ut meritò sit dictum, Insipientium non est Deus.

De Hæresibus.

Erratis nescientes scripturas, neque potestatem Dei.



Anon iste mater omnium canonum aduersus hæreses. Duplex erroris causa, ignoratio voluntatis Dei, et ignoratio, vel leuior contemplatio potestatis dei. Voluntas dei reuelatur magis per scripturas scrutamini, potestas magis per creaturas contemplamini. Ita asserenda plenitudo potestatis Dei, ne maculemus voluntatem. Ita asserenda bonitas volun-

politikes, those which haue been of greatest depths, and compasse, and of largest and most vniuersall vnderstanding, haue not onely in cunning made their profit in seeming religious to the people, but in truth haue beene toucht with an inwarde fence of the knowledge of Dyetic, as they which you shall euermore note to haue attributed much to fortune and prouidence.

Contrariwise, those who ascribed all thinges to their owne cunnings and practises, and to the immediate and apparent causes: and as the Prophet saith, *haue sacrificed to their owne nets*, haue beene alwaies but petty counterfait states men, and not capable of the greatest actions. Lastly, this I dare affirme in knowledge of nature, that a little naturall philosophie: and the first entrance into it doth dispose the opinion to Atheisme: But on the other side much naturall philosophie, and wading deepe into it, will bring about mens mindes to religion: wherefore Atheisme euery way seems to be ioined and combined with folly and ignorance, see that nothing can bee more iustly allotted to be the saying of fooles then this, *there is no God*.

Of Heresies.

You erre not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God.



His Cannon is the mother of al Canons against Heresie: The causes of error are two: the ignorance of the wil of God, and the ignorance or not sufficient consideration of his power, the will of God is more reuealed by the Scriptures, and therefore the precept is, *Search the Scriptures*: the will [? power] of God is more reuealed by the creatures, and therefore the precept is: *Beholde and consider the creatures*: So is the fulnesse of the power of God to bee affirmed,

tatis, ne minuamus potestatem. Itaque Religio vera sita est in mediocritate inter superstitionem cum hæresibus superstisiosis ex una parte, et Atheismum cum hæresibus prophanis ex altera. Superstitio repudiata luce scripturarum, seque dedens traditionibus prauis vel apocryphis, et nouis reuelationibus, vel falsis interpretationibus scripturarum multa de voluntate Dei fingit, et somniat, à scripturis deuia et aliena. Atheismus autem et Theomachia contra potestatem Dei insurgit, et tumultuatur, verbo dei non credens, quod voluntatem eius reuelat ob incredulitatem potestatis eius, cui omnia sunt possibilia. Hæreses autem quæ ex isto fonte emanant, grauiiores videntur cæteris. Nam et in politijs atrocius est potestatem et maiestatem Dei minuere, quam famam principis notare. Hæresum autem quæ potestatem Dei minunt, præter Atheismum purum tres sunt gradus, habentque vnum et idem mysterium: (Nam omnis antichristianismus operatur in mysterio, id est sub imagine boni) hoc ipsum, vt voluntatem dei ab omni aspersione malitiæ liberet. Primus gradus est eorum, qui duo principia constituunt paria, ac inter se pugnantia, et contraria, vnum boni, alterum mali. Secundus gradus est eorum, quibus nimium læsa videtur maiestas Dei in constituendo aduersus eum principio affirmatiuo et actiuo. Quare exturbata tali audacia, nihilo minùs inducunt contra deum principium negatiuum et priuatiuum. Nam volunt esse opus ipsius materiæ et creaturæ internum, et

as wee make no imputation to his will, so is the goodnesse of the will of God to be affirmed, as we make no derogation from his power: Therefore true religion seated in the meane betwixt Superstition, with superstitious heresies on the one side, and Atheisme, with prophane heresies on the other: Superstition reiecting the light of the scriptures, and giuing of it self ouer to vngrounded traditions and writings doubtfull and not Canonically, or to newe reuelations, or to vntrue interpretations of the Scriptures themselves doth forge and dreame many thinges of the vwill of God, which are strange and farre distant from the true sence of the scriptures: But Atheisme and Theomachie rebelleth and mutineth against the power of God, giuing no faith to his worde, which reuealeth his will, vpon a discredit and vnbeliefe of his power, to whom all thinges are possible. Now those heresies which spring out of this fountain seeme more haynous then the other: for euen in ciuile gouernment it is held an offence in a higher degree to deny the power and authority of a prince, then to touch his honour and fame. Of these heresies which derogate from the power of God beside plain atheisme, there are three degrees, and they haue all one and the same mystery: for all Antichristianity worketh in a misterie, that is, vnder the shadow of good, and it is this to free and deliuer the will of God from all imputation and aspersiō of ill. The first degree is of those who make and suppose two principles contrary and fighting one against the other, the one of good, the other of euill.

The second degree is of them to whome the Maiestie of God seemes too much wronged in setting vppe and erecting against him another aduerse and opposite principle, namely such a principle as should bee actiue and affirmatiue, that is to say, cause or fountaine of any essence or being: therefore reiecting all such presumption they doe neuerthelesse bring in against God: a principle negatiue and priuatiue, that is a cause of

natiuum, et substantiuum, ut ex se vergat et relabatur ad confusionem, et ad nihilum, nescientes eiusdem esse omnipotentiae ex aliquo nihil facere, cuius ex nihilo aliquid. Tertius gradus est eorum, qui arctant et restringunt opinionem, priorem tantum ad actiones humanas, quae participant ex peccato, quas volunt substantiue, absque nexu aliquo causarum, ex interna voluntate et arbitrio humano pendere, statuuntque latiores terminos scientiae Dei, quam potestatis, vel potius eius partis potestatis Dei, (nam et ipsa scientia potestas est) qua scit quam eius, quâ mouet, et agit, ut præsciat quædam otiose, quæ non prædestinet et præordinet. Et non absimile est figmento, quod Epicurus introduxit in Democritismum, ut fatum olleret, et fortunæ locum daret, declinationem videlicet atomi, quod semper à prudentioribus inanissimum commentum habitum est. Sed quicquid a deo non pendet, ut autore, et principio, per nexus et gradus subordinatos id loco Dei erit, et nouum principium, et Deaster quidem. Quare meritò illa opinio respuitur, ut læsio et diminutio maiestatis et potestatis Dei. Et tamen admodum rectè dicitur, quòd Deus non fit author mali, non quia non author, sed quia non mali.

not being and subsisting, for they will haue it to be an inbred proper worke, and nature of the matter and creature it selfe, of it selfe to turne aganie and resolute into confusion and nothing, not knowing that it is an effect of one and the same omnipotencie, to make nothing of somewhat, as to make somewhat of nothing. The third degree is of those, who abridge and restraine the former opinion onely to those humane actions which pertaine of sinne: which actions, they will haue to depende substantiually and originally, and without any sequelle or subordination of causes vpon the will, and make and set downe and appoint larger limites of the knowledge of God then of his power, or rather of that parte of Gods power (for knowledge it selfe is a power whereby he knoweth) then of that by which hee moueth and worketh, making him foreknow some thinges idlie and as a looker on, which hee doeth not predestinate nor ordayne: Not vnlike to that deuise which Epicurus brought into Democritus opinion, to take away destinie and make way to Fortune, to witte, the start and slippe of Attemus, which alwaies of the wiser sort was reiected as a most friuolous shift. But whatsoeuer depends not of God, as Author and Principle by inferiour linkes and degrees, that must needs bee in place of God, and a new principle, and a certaine vsurping God: wherefore worthely is that opinion refused as an indignitie and derogation to the maiestie and power of God, and yet it is most truely affirmed, that God is not the author of euill, not because he is not author, but because not as of euill.

De ecclesia et Scripturis.

Proteges eos in tabernaculo tuo a contradiçtione
linguarum.



*Contradiçtiones linguarum ubique occurrunt
extra tabernaculum Dei. Quare quo-
cunque te verteris, exitum controuersiarum
non reperiēs nisi huc te receperis. Dices,
verum est, nempe in vnitatem ecclesiæ. Sed aduerte.
Erat in tabernaculo Arca, et in Arca Testimonium vel
tabulæ legis. Quid mihi narras corticem Tabernaculi,
sine nucleo testimonij? Tabernaculum ad custodiendum
et tradendum testimonium erat ordinatum. Eodem
modo et ecclesiæ custodia, et traditio per manus
scripturarum demandata est, sed anima
Tabernaculi est testimonium.*

FINIS.



Of the Church and the Scriptures.

Thou shalt protect them in thy tabernacle, from the contradiction of tongues.



He contradiction of tongues doeth euey where meet with vs out of the tabernacle of God, therefore whither soeuer thou shalt turne thy selfe, thou shalt find no ende of controuersies, except thou withdraw thy selfe into that tabernacle, thou wilt say, t'is true, and that it is to bee vnderstood of the vnitie of the church: But heare and note, there was in the tabernacle the Arke, and in the Arke the testimony or tables of the lawe: what doest thou tell me of the huske of the tabernacle without the kernel of the testimonie. The tabernacle was ordained for the keeping and deliuering ouer from hand to hande of the testimony. In like manner the custodie and passing ouer of the scriptures is committed vnto the Church. But the life of the tabernacle is the testimony.

[A PRELIMINARY NOTE TO
THE COLOURS OF GOOD AND EVIL.

IT would seem that among his early studies, Bacon was led to enquire into the nature and powers of human Imagination as a means for obtaining knowledge. What flesh and blood are to the Body, what love and friendship are to the Soul; that is imagination to the Spirit of man. It is a warm, exhilarating, active source of Thought. By it we can realize perfection, beauty, and felicity never to be seen by mortal eyes. It is the creative power in Poetry, Fiction, Painting, and in much of the Fine Arts. It is a comfort to Man; both as an Earthly Hope in the midst of his troubles, and as a recreation from the toil of his other faculties.

Imagination as a Guide in the establishing of his New Philosophy, Bacon utterly rejected. Yet it is not to be universally put aside. We could not do so if we would. The intuition of women often outstrips the reason of men in true judgment; and God, who has honoured this faculty as He has done the rest, has taught truth to man through his imagination, in the sublime visions of the Old and New Testament.

We must think to what an abuse, Imagination had been substituted for Enquiry down to Bacon's time; in considering this description.

There is yet a much more important and profound kind of Fallacies in the Minde of Man. . . . The force whereof is such, as it doth not dazle, or snare the vnderstanding in some particulars, but doth more generally, and inwardly infect and corrupt the state thereof. For the mind of Man is farre from the Nature of a cleare and equall glasse, wherein the beames of things should reflect according to their true incidence; Nay, it is rather like an enchanted glasse, full of superstition and Imposture, if it bee not delivered and reduced. *Adv. of Learning. ii. fol. 55. Ed. 1605.*

Nothing can be stronger than these Meditations of 1597—

Pure sence receiuing euery thing according to the naturall impression makes a better state and gouernment of the mind then these same imaginations and apprehensions of the mind: for the minde of man hath this nature and propertie, euen in the grauest and most settled wits, that from the sence of euery particular, it doeth as it were bound and spring forward, and take holde of other matters fortelling to it self that all shal proue like vnto that which beateth vpon the present sence.

That assurance and repose of the mind which only rides at ancor vpon hope. I do reiect as wauering and weake.

Here on earth the purer our sence is from the infection and tincture of imagination, the better and wiser soule. *See pp. 111-115.*

And he fums up his judgement on this faculty in the Apothegm of Heraclitus. *Dry Light is the best Soul.*

2. Bacon, in the second book of *The Advancement of Learning* also tells us.

The dutie and Office of *Rhetoricke* is, *To apply Reason to Imagination*, for the better mooving of the will; For wee see *Reason* is disturbed in the Administration thereof by three meanes; by *Illaqueation* [i.e. Entanglement], or *Sophisme* [i.e. Falacy], which pertaines to *Logicke*: by *Imagination* or *Impression*, which pertaines to *Rhetoricke*, and by *Passion* or *Affection*, which pertaines to *Moralitie*. And as in Negotiation with others; men are wrought by cunning, by Importunitie, and by vehemencie; So in this Negotiation within our selues, men are vndermined by *Inconsequences*, solicited and importuned, by *Impressions* or *Observations*: and transported by *Passions*. Fol. 66. Ed. 1605.

There is a seducement that worketh by the strength of the Impression, and not by the subtiltie of the Illaqueation, not so much perplexing the Reason, as ouer-ruling it by the power of the *Imagination*. Fol. 55. Ed. 1605.

Colours of Good and Evil are Impreffions perplexing and ouer ruling the Reason by the power of the Imagination. Being Good in the cases where they hold true; and Evil where such Impreffions are fallacious.

3. Bacon was further of this opinion.

I doe not finde the Wisedome and diligence of *Aristotle* well pursued, who began to make a collection of *the popular signes and colours of good and euil, both simple and comparatiue*, which are as the *Sophismes* of *Rhetoricke*, (as I touched before.) For Example,

SOPHISMA.

[The Sophism.]

Uod laudatur, bonum; Quod vituperatur, malum.

[What is praised is good: what is abused is bad.]

REDARGVTIO.

[The Confutation].

Laudat venales, qui vult extrudere merces.

[He who wishes to sell his goods, praises them.]

Malum est, Malum est (inquit Emptor) sed cum recesserit, tum gloriabitur.

[It is naught, it is naught, sayth the buyer: but when he is gone his way, then he boasteth. PROVERBS XX. 14.]

The defects in the labour of *Aristotle* are three; One, that there be but a few of many; another, that their *Elenches* are not annexed; and the third, that he conceiued but a part of the vse of them: for their vse is not onely in probation, but much more in Impression. For many fourmes are equall in *Signification*, which are differing in *Impression*: as the difference is great in the piercing of that which is sharpe, and that which is flat, though the strength of the percussion be the same. *Adv. of Learning, Bk. ii. fol. 68. Ed. 1605.*

4. To these three quotations; we can add in further elucidation of the intention of this fragment, a copy of its dedication while in a manuscript state. We give it in the modernized form given by Mr. Spedding. (*Works*. vii. 70. *Ed.* 1858.)

Mr. FRANCIS BACON of *The Colours of Good and Evil*,
to the LORD MOUNTJOYE.

I send you the last part of the best book of Aristotle of Stagira, who (as your Lordship knoweth) goeth for the best author. But (saving the civil respect which is due to a received estimation) the man being a Grecian and of a hasty wit, having hardly a discerning patience, much less a teaching patience, both so delivered the matter, as I am glad to do the part of a good househen, which without any strangeness will sit upon pheasants' eggs. And yet perchance some that shall compare my lines with Aristotle's lines, will muse by what art, or rather by what revelation I could draw these conceits out of that place. But I, that should know best, do freely acknowledge that I had my light from him; for where he gave me not matter to perfect, at the least he gave me occasion to invent. Wherein as I do him right, being myself a man that am as free from envying the dead in contemplation, as from envying the living in action or fortune: so yet nevertheless still I say, and I speak it more largely than before, that in perusing the writings of this person so much celebrated, whether it were the impediment of his wit, or that he did it upon glory and affectation to be subtile, as one that if he had seen his own conceits clearly and perspicuously delivered, perhaps would have been out of love with them himself; or else upon policy to keep himself close, as one that had been a challenger of all the world, and had raised infinite contradiction: to what cause soever it is to be ascribed, I do not find him to deliver and unwrap himself well of that he seemeth to conceive, nor to be master of his own knowledge. Neither do I for my part also, (though I have brought in a new manner of handling this argument to make it pleasant and light-some,) pretend so to have overcome the nature of the subject, but that the full understanding and use of it will be somewhat dark, and best pleasing the tastes of such wits as are patient to stay the digesting and soluting unto themselves of that which is sharp and subtile. Which was the cause, joined with the love and honour which I bear to your Lordship, as the person I know to have many virtues and an excellent order of them, which moved me to dedicate this writing to your Lordship; after the ancient manner, choosing both a friend, and one to whom I conceive the argument was agreeable. *The original transcript is Harl. MS. 6797, art. 6.]*





O F
The Coulers of good
and euill a frag-
ment.



- 1 *C*eteræ partes vel sectæ secundas unanimiter deferunt, cum singulæ principatum sibi vindicent melior reliquis videtur. Nam primas quæque ex zelo videtur fumere, secundas autem ex vero tribuere.
- 2 Cuius excellentia vel exuperantia melior id toto genere melius.
- 3 Quod ad veritatem refertur maius est quàm quod ad opinionem. Modus autem, et probatio eius quod ad opinionem pertinet hæc est. Quod quis si clam putaret fore facturum non esset.
- 4 Quod rem integram feruat bonum quod sine receptu est malum. Nam se recipere non posse impotentia genus est, potentia autem bonum.
- 5 Quod ex pluribus constat, et diuisibilius est maius quàm quod ex paucioribus et magis vnum: nam omnia per partes considerata maiora videntur; quare et pluralitas partium magnitudinem præ se fert, fortius autem operatur pluralitas partium si ordo absit, nam inducit similitudinem infiniti, et impedit comprehensionem.
- 6 Cuius priuatio bona, malum, cuius priuatio mala bonum.
- 7 Quod bono, vicinum bonum, quod a bono remotum malum.
- 8 Quod quis culpa sua contraxit, maius malum, quod ab externis imponitur minus malum.
- 9 Quod opera, et virtute nostra partum est, maius bonum, quod ab alieno beneficio, vel ab indulgentia fortunæ delatum est, minus bonum.
- 10 Gradus priuationis maior videtur quàm gradus diminutionis, et rursus gradus inceptionis maior videtur quàm gradus incrementi.



IN deliberatiues the point is what is good and what is euill, and of good what is greater, and of euill what is the lesse.

So that the perswaders labor is to make things appeare good or euill, and that in higher or lower degree, which as it may be perfourmed by true and solide reasons, so it may be represented also by coulers, popularities and circumstances, which are of such force, as they sway the ordinarie iudgement either of a weake man, or of a wise man, not fully and considerately attending and pondering the matter. Besides their power to alter the nature of the subiect in appearance, and so to leade to error, they are of no lesse vse to quicken and strengthen the opinions and perswasions which are true: for reasons plainely deliuered, and alwaies after one manner especially with fine and fastidious mindes, enter but heauily and dully; whereas if they be varied and haue more life and vigor put into them by these fourmes and insinuations, they cause a stronger apprehension, and many times suddainely win the minde to a resolution. Lastly, to make a true and safe iudgement, nothing can be of greater vse and defence to the minde, then the discovering and reprehension of these coulers, shewing in what cases they hold, and in what cases they deceiue: which as it cannot be done, but out of a very vniuersall knowledge of the nature of things, so being perfourmed, it so cleareth mans iudgement and election, as it is the lesse apt to slide into any error.



A Table of Coulers, or
apparances of good and euill,
and their degrees as places of
perswasion and disswasion; and
their feuerall fallaxes, and
the elenches of them.

[1] *Cui ceteræ partes vel sectæ secundas vnanimiter deferunt, cum singulæ principatum sibi vindicent melior reliquis videtur, nam primas quæque ex zelo videtur fumere, secundas autem ex vero et merito tribuere.*



O Cicero went about to proue the Secte of *Academiques* which suspended all asseueration, for to be the best, for sayth he, aske a *Stoicke* which Philosophie is true, he will preferre his owne: Then aske him which approacheth next the truth, he will confesse the *Academiques*. So

deale with the *Epicure* that will scant indure the *Stoicke* to be in sight of him, as soone as he hath placed himselfe, he will place the *Academiques* next him.

So if a Prince tooke diuers competitors to a place, and examined them feuerallie whome next themselues they would rathest commend, it were like the ablest man should haue the most second votes.

The fallax of this couler hapneth oft in respect

of enuy, for men are accustomed after themselves and their owne faction to incline to them which are softest and are least in their way in despite and derogation of them that hold them hardest to it. So that this couler of melioritie and preheminance is oft a signe of enervation and weakenesse.

2 *Cuius excellentia vel exuperantia melior, id toto genere melius.*



Ppertaining to this are the fourmes; *Let vs not wander in generalities: Let vs compare particular with particular, etc.* This appearance though it seeme of strength and rather Logically then Rhetorically, yet is very oft a fallax.

Sometimes because some things are in kinde very casual, which if they escape, prove excellent, so that the kinde is inferior, because it is so subiect to perill, but that which is excellent being proued is superior, as the blossome of March and the blossome of May, whereof the French verse goeth.

*Bourgeon de Mars enfant de Paris,
Si vn eschape, il en vaut dix.*

So that the blossome of May is generally better then the blossome of March; and yet the best blossome of March is better then the best blossome of May.

Sometimes, because the nature of some kindes is to be more equall and more indifferent, and not to haue very distant degrees, as hath bene noted in the warmer clymates, the people are generally more wise, but in the Northerne climate the wits of chiefe are greater. So in many Armies, if the matter should be tryed by duell betweene two Champions, the victory should go on one side, and yet if it be tryed by the grosse, it would go of the other side; for excellencies go as it were by chance, but kindes go by a more certaine nature, as by discipline in warre.

Laſtly, many kindes haue much reſuſe which counterualue that which they haue excellent; and therefore generally mettall is more precious then ſtone, and yet a dyamond is more precious then gould.

3 *Quod ad veritatem refertur maius eſt quam quod ad opinionem. Modus autem et probatio eius quod ad opinionem pertinet, hæc eſt, quod quis ſi clam putaret fore, facturus non eſſet.*



O the Epicures ſay of the Stoicks felicitie placed in vertue, That it is like the felicitie of a Player, who if he were left of his Auditorie and their applauſe, he would ſtreight be out of hart and countenance, and therefore they call vertue *Bonum theatrale*. But of Riches the Poet ſayth:

*Populus me ſibilat,
At mihi plaudo.*

And of pleaſure.

*Grata ſub imo
Gaudia corde premens, vultu ſimulate pudorem.*

The fallax of this couler is ſomewhat ſubtile, though the aunſwere to the example be readie, for vertue is not choſen *propter auram popularem*. But contrariwiſe, *Maxime omnium teipſum reuerere*, So as a vertuous man will be vertuous in *ſolitudine*, and not onely in *theatro*, though percaſe it will be more ſtrong by glory and fame, as an heate which is doubled by reflexion; But that denieth the ſuppoſition, it doth not reprehend the fallax whereof the reprehension is a low [Alow], that vertue (ſuch as is ioyned with labor and conflict) would not be choſen but for fame and opinion, yet it followeth not that the chiefe motiue of the election ſhould not be reall and for it ſelfe, for fame may be onely *cauſa impulſiua*, and not *cauſa conſtituens*, or *efficiens*. As if there were two horſes, and the one would doo better

without the spurre then the other: but agayne, the other with the spurre would farre exceede the doing of the former, giuing him the spurre also, yet the latter will be iudged to be the better horse, and the fourme as to say, *Tush, the life of this horse is but in the spurre*, will not serue as to a wise iudgemente: For since the ordinary instrument of horsemanship is the spurre, and that it is no manner of impediment nor burden, the horse is not to bee accounted the lesse of, which will not do well without the spurre, but rather the other is to be reckoned a delicacie then a vertue, so glory and honor are as spurres to vertue: and although vertue would languish without them, yet since they be alwayes at hand to attend vertue, vertue is not to be sayd the lesse, chosen for it selfe, because it needeth the spurre of fame and reputation: and therefore that position, *Nota eius rei quod propter opinionem et non propter veritatem eligitur, hæc est quod quis si clam putaret fore facturum non esset* is reprehended.

4 *Quod rem integram seruat bonum, quod sine receptu est malum. Nam se recipere non posse impotentia genus est, potentia autem bonum.*



Ereof *Aesope* framed the Fable of the two Frogs that consulted together in time of drowth (when many plashes that they had repayred to were dry) what was to be done, and the one propounded to goe downe into a deepe Well, because it was like the water would not fayle there, but the other aunswared, yea but if it do faile how shall we get vp againe? And the reason is, that humane actions are so vn-certaine and subiecte to perills, as that seemeth the best course which hath most passages out of it.

Appertaining to this perswasion the fourmes are, *you shall ingage your selfe*. On the other side, *Tantum quantum voles fumes ex fortuna*, you shall keepe the

matter in your owne hands. The reprehension of it is, *That proceeding and resolving in all actions is necessarie*: for as he sayth well, *Not to resolve, is to resolve*, and many times it breedes as many necessities, and ingageth as farre in some other sort as to resolve.

So it is but the couetous mans disease translated into power, for the couetous man will enjoy nothing because he will haue his full store and possibilitie to enjoy the more, so by this reason a man shoulde execute nothing because hee should be still indifferent and at libertie to execute any thing. Besides necessitie and this same *iacta est alea* hath many times an aduantage, because it awaketh the powers of the minde, and strengtheneth indeuor. *Cæteris pares necessitate certe superiores estis.*

5 *Quod ex pluribus constat et diuisibilius est maius quam quod ex paucioribus et magis vnum: nam omnia per partes considerata maiora videntur; quare et pluralitas partium magnitudinem præ se fert; fortius autem operatur pluralitas partium si ordo absit, nam inducit similitudinem infiniti et impedit comprehensionem.*



His couler seemeth palpable, for it is not pluralitie of partes without maioritie of partes that maketh the totall greater, yet neuerthelesse it often carries the minde away, yea, it deceyueth the sence, as it seemeth to the eye a shorter distance of way if it be all dead and continued, then if it haue trees or buildings or any other markes whereby the eye may deuide it. So when a great moneyed man hath deuided his chests and coines and bags, hee seemeth to himselfe richer then hee was, and therefore a way to amplifie any thing, is to breake it, and to make an anatomie of it in feuerall partes, and to examine it according to feuerall circumstances, And this maketh the greater shew if it be done without order, for confuſion maketh

things muster more, and besides what is set downe by order and diuision, doth demonstrate that nothing is left out or omitted, but all is there; whereas if it be without order, both the minde comprehendeth lesse that which is set downe, and besides it leaueth a suspicion, as if more might be sayde then is expressed.

This couler deceyueth, if the minde of him that is to be perswaded, do of it selfe ouer-conceiue or preiudge of the greatnesse of any thing, for then the breaking of it will make it seeme lesse, because it maketh it appeare more according to the truth, and therefore if a man be in sicknes or payne, the time will seeme longer without a clocke or howre-glasse then with it, for the minde doth value euery moment, and then the howre doth rather summe vp the moments then deuide the daye. So in a dead playne, the way seemeth the longer, because the eye hath preconceyued it shorter then the truth: and the frustrating of that maketh it seeme longer then the truth. Therefore if any man haue an ouergreat opinion of any thing, then if any other thinke by breaking it into feuerall considerations, he shall make it seeme greater to him, he will be deceyued, and therefore in such cases it is not safe to deuide, but to extoll the entire still in generall.

An other case wherein this couler deceyueth, is, when the matter broken or deuided is not comprehended by the fence or minde at once in respect of the distracting or scattering of it, and being intire and not deuided, is comprehended, as a hundred poundes in heapes of fise poundes will shewe more, then in one grosse heape, so as the heapes be all vppon one table to be seene at once, otherwise not, or flowers growing scattered in diuers beds will shewe more then if they did grow in one bed, so as all those beds be within a plot that they be obiect to view at once, otherwise not: and therefore men whose liuing lieth together in one Shire, are commonly counted greater landed then those whose liuings are dispersed

though it be more, because the notice and comprehension.

A third case wherein this couler deceiueth, and it is not so properly a case or reprehension as it is a counter couler being in effect as large as the couler it selfe, and that is, *Omnis compositio indigentia cuiusdam videtur esse particeps*, because if one thing would serue the turne it were euer best, but the defect and imperfections of things hath brought in that help to piece them vp as it is sayd, *Martha Martha attendis ad plurima, unum sufficit*. So likewise hereupon *Aesope* framed the Fable of the Fox and the Cat, whereas the Fox bragged what a number of shifts and deuises he had to get from the houndes, and the Catte saide she had but one, which was to clime a tree, which in prooffe was better worth then all the rest, whereof the prouerbe grew, *Multa nouit Vulpes sed Felis unum magnum*. And in the morall of this fable it comes likewise to passe: That a good sure friend is a better helpe at a pinch, then all the stratagems and pollicies of a mans owne wit. So it falleth out to bee a common error in negotiating, whereas men haue many reasons to induce or persuaide, they striue commonly to vtter and vse them all at once, which weakeneth them. For it argueth as was said, a needines in euery of the reasons by it selfe, as if one did not trust to any of them, but fled from one to another, helping himselfe onely with that. *Et quæ non profunt singula multa iuuant*. Indeed in a set speech in an assemblie it is expected a man shoulde vse all his reasons in the case hee handleth, but in priuate perswasions it is alwayes a great error.

A fourth case wherein this colour may be reprehended is in respecte of that same *vis unita fortior*, according to the tale of the French King, that when the Emperours Amb[assador] had recited his maysters stile at large which consisteth of many countries and dominions: the French King willed his Chancellor or other minister to repeate and say ouer Fraunce as many

times as the other had recited the feuerall dominions, intending it was equiualent with them all, and beside more compacted and vnited.

There is also appertayning to this couler an other point, why breaking of a thing doth helpe it, not by way of adding a shew of magnitude vnto it, but a note of excellency and raritie; whereof the fourmes are, *Where shall you finde such a concurrence? Great but not compleat*, for it seemes a lesse worke of nature or fortune to make any thing in his kinde greater then ordinarie, then to make a straunge composition.

Yet if it bee narrowly confidered, this coulour will bee reprehended or incountred by imputing to all excellencie in compositions a kind of pouertie or at least a casualty or ieopardy, for from that which is excellent in greatnes fomwhat may be taken, or there may be decay; and yet sufficiencie left, but from that which hath his price in composition if you take away any thing, or any part doe fayle all is disgraced.

6 *Cuius priuatio bona, malum, cuius priuatio mala, bonum.*



He formes to make it conceyued that that was euill which is chaunged for the better are, *He that is in hell thinkes there is no other heauen. Satis quercus, Acornes were good till bread was found etc.* And of the other side the formes to make it conceyued that that was good which was chaunged for the worse are, *Bona magis carendo quàm fruendo sentimus, Bona à tergo formosissima, Good things neuer appear in their full beautie, till they turne their backe and be going away, etc.* The reprehension of this colour is, that the good or euil which is remoued may be esteemed good or euil comparatiuely and not positiuely or simply. So that if the priuation bee good, it follows not the former

condition was euill, but lesse good, for the flower or blossome is a positieue good, although the remoue of it to giue place to the fruite be a comparatiue good. So in the tale of Æsop; when the olde fainting man in the heat of the day cast downe his burthen and called for death, and when death came to know his will with him, said it was for nothing but to helpe him vppe with his burthen agayne: it doth not follow that because death which was the priuation of the burthen was ill, therefore the burthen was good. And in this parte the ordinarie forme of *Malum necessarium* aptly reprehendeth this colour, for *Priuatio mali necessarij est mala*, and yet that doth not conuert the nature of the necessarie euill, but it is euill.

Againe it commeth sometimes to passe, that there is an equalitie in the chaunge or priuation, and as it were a *Dilemma boni* or a *Dilemma mali*, so that the corruption of the one good is a generation of the other, *Sorti pater æquus utrique est*: And contrarie the remedy of the one euill is the occasion and commencement of an other, as in *Scilla* and *Charibdis*.

7. *Quod bono vicinum, bonum: quod a bono remotum malum.*



Such is the nature of thinges, that thinges contrarie and distant in nature and qualitie are also feuered and disioyned in place, and thinges like and consenting in qualitie are placed, and as it were quartered together, for partly in regarde of the nature to spredde, multiplie and infect in similitude, and partly in regard of the nature to break, expell and alter that which is disagreeable and contrarie, most thinges do eyther affociate and draw neere to themselues the like, or at least assimilate to themselues that which approacheth neer them, and doe also driue away,

chafe and exterminate their contraries, And that is the reason commonly yeelded why the middle region of the aire shold be coldest, because the Sunne and stars are eyther hot by direct beames or by reflection. The direct beames heate the vpper region, the reflected beames from the earth and seas heate the lower Region. That which is in the middest being furthest distant in place from these two Regions of heate are most distant in nature that is coldest, which is that they tearme colde or hot, *per antiperistasin*, that is inuironing you by contraries, which was pleasantly taken holde of by him that said that an honest man in these daies must needes be more honest then in ages heretofore, *propter antiperistasin*, because the shutting of him in the middest of contraries must needs make the honesty stronger and more compact in it selfe.

The reprehension of this colour is, first many things of amplitude in their kind doe as it were ingrosse to themselues all, and leaue that which is next them most destitute, as the shootes or vnderwood that grow neare a great and spread tree, is the most pynd and shrubbie wood of the field, because the great tree doth depriue and deceiue them of sappe and nourishment. So he saith wel, *Diuitis serui maximè serui*: And the comparison was pleasant of him that compared courtiers attendant in the courtes of princes, without great place or office, to fasting dayes, which were next the holy daies, but otherwise were the leanest dayes of all the weeke.

An other reprehension is, that things of greatnes and predominancie, though they doe not extenuate the thinges adioyning in substance; yet they drowne them and obscure them in shew and appearance. And therefore the Astronomers say, that whereas in all other planets coniunction is the perfectest amitie: the Sunne contrariwise is good by aspect, but euill by coniunction.

A third reprehension is because euill approacheth to good sometimes for concealement, sometimes for protection, and good to euill for conuersion and reformation. So hipocrisie draweth neer to religion for couert

and hyding it selfe: *Sæpe latet vitium procinitate boni*, and Sanctuary men which were commonly inordinate men and malefactors, were wont to be neereſt to prieſtes and Prelates and holy men, for the maieſtie of good thinges is ſuch, as the confines of them are reuered. On the other ſide our Sauour charged with neere-nes of Publicanes and rioters ſaid, *The Phisitian approacheth the ſicke, rather then the whole.*

8. *Quod quis culpa ſua contraxit, maius malum; quod ab externis imponitur, minus malum.*



THE reaſon is becauſe the ſting and remorſe of the mind accuſing it ſelfe doubleth all aduerſitie, contrarywiſe the conſidering and recording inwardly that a man is cleare and free from fault, and juſt imputation, doth attemper outward calamities: For if the euill bee in the fence and in the conſcience both, there is a gemination of it, but if euill be in the one and comfort in the other, it is a kind of compensation. So the Poets in tragedies doe make the moſt paſſionate lamentations, and thoſe that forerunne final diſpaire, to be accuſing, queſtioning and torturing of a mans ſelfe.

Seque vnum clamat cauſamque, caputque malum. and contrariwiſe the extremities of worthie perſons haue been annihilated in the conſideration of their owne good deſeruing. Beſides when the euill commeth from without, there is left a kinde of euaporation of griefe, if it come by humane iniurie, eyther by indignation and meditating of reuenge from our felues, or by expecting or forconceyuing that *Nemefis* and retribution will take holde of the authours of our hurt, or if it bee by fortune or accident, yet there is left a kinde of expoſtulation againſt the diuine powers.

Atque Deos atque aſtra vocat crudelia mater.

But where the euill is deriued from a mans own fault there all ſtrikes deadly inwardes and ſuffocateth.

The reprehension of this colour is first in respect of hope, for reformation of our faultes is in *nostra potestate*, but amendment of our fortune simplie is not. Therefore *Demosthenes* in many of his orations sayth thus to the people of *Athens*. *That which hauing regarde to the time past is the worst pointe and circumstance of all the rest, that as to the time to come is the best: What is that? Euen this, that by your sloth, irresolution, and misgouernement, your affaires are growne to this declination and decay. For had you vsed and ordered your meanes and forces to the best, and done your partes euery way to the full, and notwithstanding your matters should haue gone backwards in this manner as they doe, there had been no hope left of recouerie or reparation, but since it hath beene onely by your owne errours etc. So Epictetus in his degrees saith, The worst state of man is to accuse externe things, better then that to accuse a mans selfe, and best of all to accuse neyther.*

An other reprehension of this colour is in respect of the wel bearing of euils, wherewith a man can charge no bodie but himselfe, which maketh them the lesse.

Leue fit quod bene fertur onus. And therefore many natures, that are eyther extreamely proude and will take no fault to themselues, or els very true, and cleauing to themselues (when they see the blame of any thing that falles out ill must light vpon themselues) haue no other shift but to bear it out wel, and to make the least of it, for as we see when sometimes a fault is committed, and before it be known who is to blame, much adoe is made of it, but after if it appeare to be done by a sonne, or by a wife, or by a neere friend, then it is light made of. So much more when a man must take it vpon himselfe. And therefore it is commonly seene that women that marrie husbandes of their owne choosung against their friends consents, if they be neuer so ill vsed, yet you shall feldome see them complaine but to set a good face on it.

9. *Quod opera et virtute nostra partum est maius bonum; quod ab alieno beneficio, vel ab indulgentia fortunæ delatum est minus bonum.*



He reasons are first the future hope, because in the fauours of others or the good windes of fortune we haue no state or certainty, in our endeouours or abilities we haue. So as when they haue purchased vs one good fortune, we haue them as ready and better edged and inured to procure another.

The formes be, *you haue wonne this by play, you haue not onely the water, but you haue the receit, you can make it againe if it be lost etc.*

Next because these properties which we inioy by the benefite of others carry with them an obligation, which seemeth a kinde of burthen, whereas the other which deriue from our selues, are like the freest patents *absque aliquo inde reddendo*, and if they proceede from fortune or prouidence, yet they seeme to touch vs secretly with the reuerence of the diuine powers whose fauours we tast, and therefore worke a kind of religious feare and restraint, whereas in the other kind, that come to passe which the Prophet speaketh, *Lætantur et exultant, immolant plagis suis, et sacrificant reti suo.*

Thirdely because that which commeth vnto vs without our owne virtue, yeeldeth not that commendation and reputation, for actions of great felicitie may drawe wonder, but prayselesse, as *Cicero* said to *Cesar*: *Quæ miremur habemus, quæ laudemus expectamus.*

Fourthly because the purchases of our own industrie are ioyned commonly with labour and strife which giues an edge and appetite, and makes the fruition of our desire more pleasant, *Suavis cibus a venatu.*

On the other side there bee fowre counter colours to this colour rather then reprehensions, because they be as large as the colour it selfe, first because felicitie seemeth to bee a character of the fauour and loue of the diuine powers, and accordingly worketh both con-

fidence in our felues and respectie and authoritie from others. And this felicitie extendeth to many casuall thinges, whereunto the care or virtue of man cannot extend, and therefore seemeth to be a larger good, as when *Cæsar* sayd to the sayler, *Cæsarem portas et fortunam eius*, if he had saide, *et virtutem eius*, it had beene small comfort against a tempest otherwise then if it might seeme vpon merite to induce fortune.

Next, whatsoeuer is done by vertue and industrie, seemes to be done by a kinde of habite and arte, and therefore [thereupon] open to be imitated and followed, whereas felicitie is imitable: so wee generally see, that things of nature seeme more excellent then things of arte, because they be imitable, for *quod imitabile est potentia quodam vulgatum est*.

Thirdly, felicitie commendeth those things which commeth without our owne labôr, for they seeme gifts, and the other seemes penyworths: whereupon *Plutarch* sayth elegantly of the actes of *Timoleon*, who was so fortunate, compared with the actes of *Agefilaus* and *Epaminondas*, *That they were like Homers verses they ranne so easily and so well*, and therefore it is the word we giue vnto poesie, terming it a happie vaine, because facilitie seemeth euer to come from happines.

Fourthly, this same *præter spem, vel præter expectatum*, doth increase the price and pleasure of many things, and this cannot be incident to those things that proceede from our owne care, and compasse.

10 *Gradus priuationis maior videtur quàm gradus diminutionis; et rursus gradus inceptionis maior videtur quàm gradus incrementi.*



THIS is a position in the Mathematiques that there is no proportion betweene somewhat and nothing, therefore the degree of nullitie and quidditie or act, seemeth larger then the degrees of increase and decrease, as to a monoculos it is more to loose one eye, then to a man that hath two eyes. So if one haue lost diuers

children, it is more grieſe to him to looſe the laſt then all the reſt, becauſe he is *ſpes gregis*. And therefore *Sybilla* when ſhe brought her three books, and had burned two, did double the whole price of both the other, becauſe the burning of that had bin *gradus priuationis*, and not *diminutionis*. This couler is reprehended firſt in thoſe things, the uſe and ſeruice whereof reſteth in ſufficiencie, competencie, or determinate quantitie, as if a man be to pay one hundreth pounds vpon a penaltie, it is more for him to want xii pence, then after that xii pence ſuppoſed to be wanting, to want ten ſhillings more: So the decay of a mans eſtate ſeemes to be moſt touched in the degree when he firſt growes behinde, more then afterwards when he proues nothing worth. And hereof the common fourmes are, *Sera in fundo parſimonia*, and as good neuer awhit, as neuer the better, etc. It is reprehended alſo in reſpect of that notion, *Corruptio vnius, generatio alterius*, ſo that *gradus priuationis*, is many times leſſe matter, becauſe it giues the cauſe, and motiue to ſome new courſe, As when *Demosthenes* reprehended the people for harkning to the conditions offered by King Phillip, being not honorable nor equall, he ſaith they were but elements of their floth and weakenes, which if they were taken away. neceſſitie woulde teach them ſtronger reſolutions. So Doctour *Hector* was wont to Dames of London, when they complayned they could not tell how, but yet they could not endure to take any medicine, he woulde tell them, Their way was onely to be ſicke, for then they woulde be glad to take any medicine.

Thirdly, this couler may be reprehended, in reſpect that the degree of decreaſe is more ſenſitiue, then the degree of priuation; for in the minde of man, *gradus diminutionis* may worke a wauering betweene hope and feare, and ſo keepe the minde in ſuſpence from ſetling and accomodating in patience, and reſolution; hereof the common fourmes are, *Better eye out, then alwayes ake*, make or marre, etc.

For the ſecond branch of this couler, it depends vpon the ſame generall reaſon: hence grew the common

place of extolling the beginning of euey thing, *Dimidium qui bene cæpit habet*. This made the Astrologers so idle as to iudge of a mans nature and destiny by the constellation of the moment of his natiuitie, or conception. This couler is reprehended, because many inceptions are but as *Epicurus* termeth them, *tenta-menta*, that is, imperfected offers, and essayes, which vanish and come to no substance without an iteration, so as in such cases the second degree seemes the worthiest, as the body-horse in the Cart, that draweth more then the forehorse, hereof the common fourmes are, *The second blow makes the fray*, *The second word makes the bargaine*, *Alter principium dedit, alter abstulit, etc.* Another reprehension of this couler is in respect of defatigation, which makes perseuerance of greater dignitie then inception, [for chaunce or instinct of nature may cause inception,] but settled affection or iudgement maketh the continuance.

Thirdly, this couler is reprehended in such things which haue a naturall course, and inclination contrary to an inception. So that the inception is continually euacuated and gets no start, but there behoueth *perpetua inceptio*, as in the common fourme. *Non progredi, est regredi, Qui non proficit, deficit*: Running against the hill: Rowing against the streame, etc. For if it be with the streame or with the hill, then the degree of inception is more then al the rest.

Fourthly, this couler is to be vnderstoode of *gradus inceptiois à potentia, ad actum comparatus; cum gradu ab actu ad incrementum*: For other, *maior videtur gradus ab impotentia ad potentiam, quàm a potentia ad actum.*

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S^r ff Francis Bacon Kn^t
the Kinges Solli-
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in Moralitie
Policie, and
Historie.



[This draft dedication was never printed by Bacon.]

Sloane MS. 4259, fol. 155.

*To the most high and excellent Prince
Henry, Prince of Wales, Duke of
Cornwall and Earle of Chester.*

yt may please your H[ighness]



Having devided my life into the Contemplative, and active parte, I am desierous to give his Maiefty, and your Highness of the Fruites of both, simple thoughe they be. To write iust Treatises requireth leasure in the Writer, and leasure in the Reader, and therefore are not so fitt, neither in regard of your Highnesses princely affaiers, nor in regard of my continuall Services, Which is the cause, that hath made me chuse to write certaine breif notes, sett downe rather significantlye, then curiously, which I have called *Essaies*; The word is late, but the thing is auncient. For *Senecaes* Epistles to *Lucilius*; yf one marke them well, are but *Essaies*,—That is

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disperfed Meditacions, thoughe conveyed in the forme of Epiftles. Theis labors of myne I knowe cannott be worthie of your highnefs—for what can be worthie of you? But my hope is, they may be as graynes of falte, that will rather give you an appetite, then offend you with satiety. And althoughe, they handle thofe thinges wherein both Mens Lives, and their pens are moft converfant, yet (What I have attained, I knowe not) but I have endeavoured to make them not vulgar; but of a nature, Whereof a Man fhall find much in experience, little in bookes; fo as they are neither repetitions, nor fanfies. But howfoever, I fhall moft humbly defier your Highnefs to accept them in gracious part, and to conceive that if I cannott reft, but muft fhewe my dutifull, and devoted affection to your Highnefs, in theis thinges which proceed from my felf, I fhall be much more ready to doe it, in performance of any your princely Commaundementes; And fo wifhing your Highnefs all princely felicitye, I reft.

your Highneffes moft humble Servant.

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[1.] Of Friendship.

[The first page of the MS. is torn away, so that there remains only the conclusion of this Essay. It is, however, certain from the next following Essays being numbered 2, 3, 4, &c., that there was no other Essay than this one upon the missing page, though of what length this one consisted cannot at present be known. Possibly the MS. began with a list of the Essays contained in it.]

inanimate, vnion strengthneth anie naturall mocion; and weakeneth anie violent mocion; Soe amongst men, Frendshipp multiplyeth ioyes, and deuideth greifes. Therefore whosoever wanteth *Fortitude*, lett him worshipp *Frendshipp*; For the yoke of *Frendshipp* maketh the yoke of *Fortune* more light; There bee some whose liues are, as if they perpetually played vpon a stage, disguised to all others, open onely to themselues; But perpetuall dissimulation is painefull, and hee that is all fortune and noe *nature* is an exquisite *Hirelinge*; Liue not in continuall smother, but take some frendes with whom to communicate. It will vnfold thie vnderstanding; it will evaporate thie affections, it will prepare thie busi-

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13. Of Friendship.



Here is no greater desert or wildernes then to bee without true friends.

For without friendship, society is but meeting. And as it is certaine, that in bodies inanimate, vnion strengthneth any naturall motion, and weakeneth any violent motion; So amongst men, friendship multiplieth ioies, and diuideth griefes. Therefore whosoever wanteth fortitude, let him worshippe *Friendship*. For the yoke of *Friendship* maketh the yoke of *fortune* more light. There bee some whose liues are, as if they perpetually plaid vpon a stage, disguised to all others, open onely to themselues. But perpetuall dissimulation is painfull; and hee that is all *Fortune*, and noe *Nature* is an exquisite *Hireling*. Liue not in continuall smother, but take some friends with whom to communicate. It will vnfold thy vnderstanding; it will evaporate thy affections; it will prepare thy busi-

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nes. A Man may keepe a Corner of his minde from his frend, and it bee but to witnesse to himself that it is not vponn facilitie, but vponn true vse of *Friendshipp* that hee imparteth himself. Want of true frendes as it is the rewarde of perfidious Natures, so it is an imposition vponn great fortunes. The one deserue it, the other cannott scape it. And therefore it is good to retayne sinceritie, and to putt it into the reckoning of *Ambition*, that the higher one goeth, the fewer true Frendes he shall have. Perfection of *Friendshipp* is but a Speculacion; It is *Friendshipp*, when a Man can say to himself, I loue this Man without respect of Vtilitye. I am open harted to him, I single him from the generalitie of those with whom I liue, I make him a porcion of my owne wishes.



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T had beene hard for him that spake it, to haue put more Truth and vntruth together, in few Words, then in that Speech; *Whosoeuer is delighted in solitude, is either a wilde Beast, or a God.*^a For it is most true, that a Naturall and Secret Hatred, and Auerfation towards *Society*, in any Man, hath somewhat of the Sauage Beast; But it

^a Aristotle. *Politics*. Bk. i. c. 2.

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IV. Variations in posthumous Latin Edition of 1633.

- ¹ But it is. *Illud tamen e converso*, 'but the converse.'
- ² It. *Hujusmodi Vita solitaria*, 'a solitary life of this kind.'
- ³ Loue. Omitted in the Latin.
- ⁴ Candian. *Cretense*, 'the Cretan.'
- ⁵ What Solitude is. *Quid hoc sit quod Solitudo nominatur*, 'what that is which is called solitude.'
- ⁶ Is not Company. *Non est Societas dicenda*, 'is not to be called company.'

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is¹ most Vntrue, that it should haue any Character, at all, of the Diuine Nature; Except it² proceed, not out of a Pleasure in *Solitude*, but out of a Loue³ and desire, to sequester a Mans Selfe, for a Higher Conuersation: Such as is found, to haue been falsely and fainedly, in some of the Heathen; As *Epimenides* the Candian,⁴ *Numa* the Roman, *Empedocles* the Scicilian, and *Apollonius* of Tyana; And truly and really, in diuers of the Ancient Hermits, and Holy Fathers of the Church. But little doe Men perceiue, what *Solitude* is,⁵ and how farre it extendeth. For a Crowd is not Company;⁶ And Faces⁷ are but a Gallery of Pictures; And Talke but a *Tinckling Cymball*, where there is no Loue. The Latine Adage meeteth with it a little; *Magna Ciuitas, Magna solitudo*;^a Because in a great Towne, *Friends*⁸ are scattered; So that there is not that Fellowship,⁹ for the most Part, which is in lesse *Neighbourhoods*. But we may goe further, and affirme most truly, That it is a meere, and miserable *Solitude*, to want true *Friends*; without which the World is but a Wilderness: And euen in this sense also of *Solitude*, whoso-
euer in the Frame of his Nature and Affections, is vnfit for¹⁰ *Friendship*, he taketh it of the Beast, and not from Humanity.

A principall *Fruit of Friendship*, is the Ease and Discharge of the Fulnesse¹¹ and Swellings of the Heart, which Passions of all kinds doe cause and induce.¹² We know *Diseases of Stoppings*, and Suffocations, are the most dangerous in the body; And it is not much

^a *A great city is a great desert.*

⁷ Faces. *Facies Hominum*, 'faces of men.'

⁸ Friends. *Amici et Necessarii*, 'friends and relatives.'

⁹ Fellowship. *Familiariter, et in consortio, vivatur*, 'men live intimately and in company.'

¹⁰ Vnfit for. *Abhorret*, 'shrinks from.'

¹¹ Fulnesse. *Auxietatis*, 'anxiety.'

¹² Cause and induce. *Imprimere*, 'impress.'

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¹³ Minde. *Ægritudinibus Animæ*, 'diseases of the mind.'

¹⁴ Suspicions. *Curas*, 'cares.'

¹⁵ In a kind. *Sub Sigillo*, 'under the seal.'

¹⁶ Shrift. Omitted in the Latin.

¹⁷ Distance. *Distantiam et sublimitatem*, 'distance and loftiness.'

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otherwise in the Minde :¹³ You may take *Sarza* to open the Liuer ; *Steele* to open the Spleene ; *Flower* of *Sulphur* for the Lungs ; *Castoreum* for the Braine ; But no Receipt openeth the Heart, but a true Friend, to whom you may impart, Griefes, Ioyes, Feares, Hopes, Suspitions,¹⁴ Counsels, and whatfoeuer lieth vpon the Heart, to oppresse it, in a kind¹⁵ of Ciuill Shrift¹⁶ or Confession.

It is a Strange Thing to obserue, how high a Rate, Great Kings and Monarchs, do set vpon this *Fruit* of *Friendship*, whereof we speake : So great, as they purchase it, many times, at the hazard of their owne Safety, and Greatnesse. For Princes, in regard of the distance¹⁷ of their Fortune, from that of their Subiects and Seruants, cannot gather this *Fruit* ; Except (to make Themselues capable thereof) they raise¹⁸ some Persons, to be as it were Companions, and almost Equals to themselues, which many times sorteth to Inconuenience. The Moderne Languages giue vnto such Persons, the Name of *Fauorites*, or *Priuadoes* ;¹⁹ As if it were Matter of Grace, or Conuersation. But the Roman Name attaineth the true Vse, and Cause thereof ; Naming them *Participes Curarum* ; For it is that, which tieth the knot.²⁰ And we see plainly, that this hath been done, not by Weake and Passionate *Princes* onely, but by the Wifest, and most Politique that euer reigned ; Who haue oftentimes ioyned to themselues, some of their Seruants ; Whom both Themselues haue called *Friends* ; And allowed Others likewise to call them in the same manner ; Vsing the Word which is receiued between Priuate²¹ Men.

¹³ Raise. *Exaltant et promouent*, 'raise and promote.'

¹⁹ Priuadoes. *Amicorum Regis*, 'friends of the king.'

²⁰ Knot. *Verum Ligamen*, 'true knot.'

²¹ Priuate. *Private Fortune*, 'of private fortune'

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²² Great. *Verba Indignationis*, 'indignant words.'

²³ In effect. *Fere disertis verbis*, 'almost in express words.'

²⁴ Had power. Omitted in the Latin.

²⁵ Calpurnia. *Vxoris suæ Calpurniæ*, 'his wife Calpurnia.'

²⁶ Dismiss. *Eum Senatum non tam parvi habiturum, ut dimittere vellet*, 'he would not have so little respect for the senate as to dismiss them.'

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L. Sylla, when he commanded *Rome*, raised *Pompey* (after furnamed the *Great*) to that Heighth, that *Pompey* vaunted Himselfe for *Sylla's* Ouermatch. For when he had carried the *Consulship* for a Friend of his, against the pursuit of *Sylla*, and that *Sylla* did a little resent thereat, and began to speake great,²² *Pompey* turned vpon him againe, and in effect²³ bad him be quiet; *For that more Men adored the Sunne Rising, then the Sunne setting.*^a With *Iulius Cæsar*, *Decimus Brutus* had obtained that Interest, as he set him downe, in his Testament, for Heire in Remainder, after his *Nephew*. And this was the Man, that had power²⁴ with him, to draw him forth to his death. For when *Cæsar* would haue discharged the Senate, in regard of some ill Prefages, and specially a Dreame of *Calpurnia*,²⁵ This Man lifted him gently by the Arme, out of his Chaire, telling him, he hoped he would not dissmisse²⁶ the Senate, till his wife had dreamt a better Dreame.^b And it seemeth, his fauour was so great, as *Antonius* in a Letter, which is recited *Verbatim*, in one of *Cicero's Philippiques*, calleth him *Venefica*,²⁷ *Witch*;^c As if he had enchanted *Cæsar*. *Augustus* raised *Agrippa* (though of meane Birth) to that Heighth, as when he consulted with *Mæcenas*, about the Marriage of his Daughter *Iulia*, *Mæcenas* tooke the Liberty to tell him; *That he must either marry his Daughter to Agrippa, or take away his life, there was no third way, he had made him so great.*^d With *Tiberius Cæsar*, *Seianus* had ascended to that Height, as they Two were teamed and reckoned, as a Paire of Friends. *Tiberius* in a Letter to him saith; *Hæc pro Amicitia nostrâ non occultauit.*^e And the whole Senate, dedicated

^a Plutarch. *Pompey*. xiv.

^b Plutarch. *Iulius Cæsar*. lxiv.

^c Cicero. *Philippicæ*. xiii. 11.

^d Dion Cassius. lvi. 6.

^e On account of our friendship, I have not concealed these things. Tacitus. *Annales*. iv. 40.

²⁷ *Venefica*. *Veneficum*, 'sorcerer.'

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²⁸ Great dearenesse of friendship. *Arctam Amicitiam*, 'close friendship'

²⁹ The like. *Similis, Amicitie Exemplum*, 'an example of like friendship.'

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an Altar to *Friendship*, as to a *Goddeffe*, in respect of the great Dearenesse of *Friendship*,²⁸ between them Two.^a The like²⁹ or more was between *Septimius Seuerus*, and *Plantianus*. For he forced his Eldest Sonne to marry the Daughter of *Plantianus*; And would often maintaine *Plantianus*, in doing Affronts to his Son: And did write also in a Letter to the Senate, by these Words; *I loue the Man so well, as I wish he may ouer-live me.*^b Now if these Princes, had beene as a *Traian*, or a *Marcus Aurelius*, A Man might haue⁷ thought, that this had proceeded of an abundant Goodnesse of Nature; But being Men so Wise, of such Strength and Seueritie of minde, and so Extreme Louers of Themselues, as all these were; It proueth most plainly, that they found their owne Felicitie (though as great as euer happened to Mortall Men) but as an Halfe Peece, except they mought haue a *Frend* to make it Entire:³⁰ And yet, which is more, they were *Princes*, that had Wiues, Sonnes, Nephews; And yet all these could not supply the Comfort of *Friendship*.^c

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It is not to be forgotten, what *Commineus* obserueth,^c of his first Master *Duke Charles the Hardy*; Namely, that hee would communicate his Secrets with none; And least of all, those Secrets, which troubled him most. Whereupon he goeth on, and saith, That towards his Latter time; *That closenesse did impaire, and a little perish his vnderstanding.* Surely *Commineus* mought haue made the same Iudgement also, if it had pleased him, of his Second Master *Lewis the Eleuenth*, whose closenesse³¹ was indeed his Tormentour. The Parable of *Pythagoras* is darke, but true; *Cor ne*

^a Tacitus. *Annals*. iv. 74.

^b Should be Plautianus: see Dion Cassius. lxxv. 15

^c Philip de Comines. *Historie*. Trans. by T. Dannett. Bk. v. c. p. 148. Ed. 1614.

³⁰ Entire. *Integra et perfecta*. 'entire and complete.'

³¹ Closeness. *Ocultatio Consiliorum*, 'concealment of counsel.'

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⁸² Open. *Cogitationes suas, et Anxietates libere impertiant*, 'impart freely their thoughts and cares.'

⁸³ Admirable. *Ad Miraculum proxime accedit*, 'comes very near to a miracle.'

⁸⁴ Good. Omitted in the Latin.

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edito; *Eat not the Heart.*^a Certainly, if a Man would giue it a hard Phrase, Those that want *Friends* to open³² themselues vnto, are Canniballs of their owne *Hearts*. But one Thing is most Admirable,³³ (wherewith I will conclude this first *Fruit of friendship*) which is, that this Communicating of a Mans Selfe to his *Friend*, works two contrarie Effects; For it redoubleth *Ioyes*, and cutteth *Griefes* in Halves. For there is no Man, that imparteth his *Ioyes* to his *Friend*, but he *ioyeth* the more; And no Man, that imparteth his *Griefes* to his *Friend*, but hee *grieueth* the lesse. So that it is, in Truth of Operation vpon a Mans Minde, of like vertue, as the *Alchymists* vse to attribute to their Stone, for Mans Bodie; That it worketh all Contrary Effects, but still to the Good,³⁴ and Benefit of Nature. But yet, without praying in Aid of *Alchymists*, there is a manifest Image of this, in the ordinarie course of Nature. For in Bodies,³⁵ *Vnion* strengthneth and cherisheth any Naturall Action; And, on the other side, weakneth and dulleth any violent Impression: And euen so is it of Minds.

The second *Fruit of Friendship*, is Healthfull and Soueraigne³⁶ for the *Vnderstanding*, as the first is for the *Affections*. For *Friendship* maketh indeed a *faire Day* in the *Affections*, from Storme and Tempests: But it maketh *Day-light*³⁷ in the *Vnderstanding*, out of Darknesse and Confusion of Thoughts.³⁸ Neither is this to be vnderstood, onely of Faithfull Counsell, which a Man receiueth from his *Friend*; But before you come to that, certaine it is, that whosoever hath his Minde fraught, with many Thoughts, his Wits and Vnder-

^a A saying of Pythagoras, quoted by Plutarch, *De Educ. Puer.* xvii.

³² Bodies. *Rebus Naturalibus*, 'natural things.'

³³ Soueraigne. Omitted in the Latin.

³⁷ Day-light. *Noctem abigit, et Lumen infundit*, 'drives away night and pours in light.'

³⁸ Out of Darknesse . . . Thoughts. *Confusione Cogitationum dissipata*, 'having dissipated confusion of thoughts.'

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³⁹ Breake vp. Omitted in the Latin.

⁴⁰ Communicating. *Communicatione Consiliorum*, 'communicating of plans.'

⁴¹ Easily. *Et in omnes partes versat*, 'and turns them in every direction.'

⁴² Lie. *Complicantur et Involvuntur*, 'are folded and rolled up.'

⁴³ Understanding. *Obstructionibus Intellectus*, 'obstructions of the understanding.'

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standing doe clarifie and breake vp,³⁹ in the Communicating⁴⁰ and discourfing with Another: He toffeth his Thoughts, more eafily;⁴¹ He marfhalleth them more orderly; He feeth how they looke when they are turned into Words; Finally, He waxeth wifer then Himfelfe; And that more by an Houres difcourfe, then by a Dayes Meditation. It was well faid by *Themistocles* to the King of *Persia*; *That fpeech was like Cloth of Arras, opened, and put abroad; Whereby the Imagery doth appeare in Figure; whereas in Thoughts, they lie*⁴² *but as in Packs.*^a Neither is this Second *Fruit of Frendfhip*, in opening the *Vnderftanding*,⁴³ restrained onely to fuch *Frends*, as are able to giue a Man Counfell: (They indeed are beft) But euen, without that, a Man learneth of Himfelfe, and bringeth his owne Thoughts to Light, and whetteth his Wits as againft a Stone, which it felfe cuts not. In a word, a Man were better relate himfelfe, to a Statua, or Picture, then to fuffer his Thoughts to paffe in fmother.⁴⁴

Adde now, to make this Second *Fruit of Frendfhip* compleat, that other Point, which lieth more open, and falleth within Vulgar Obferuation; which is *Faithfull Counfell* from a *Frend*. *Heraclitus* faith well, in one of his *Ænigmaes*; *Dry Light is euer the beft.*^b And certaine it is, that the Light, that a Man receiueth, by Counfell from Another, is Drier, and purer, then that which commeth from his owne *Vnderftanding*, and Iudgement; which is euer infused and drenched in his Affections and Customes.⁴⁵ So as, there is as much difference, betweene the *Counfell*, that a *Frend* giueth, and that a Man giueth himfelfe, as there is be-

^a Plutarch. *Themistocles*. xxix. 4.

^b Heraclitus the Obscure sayd: *The drie Light was the best Soule*. Meaning, when the Faculties Intellectual are in vigour, not wet, nor, as it were, blouded by the Affections. Lord Bacon's *Apophth.* No. 268, Ed. 1625.

⁴⁴ Suffer to paffe in smother. *Silentio suffocare*, 'smother in silence.'

⁴⁵ And Customes. Omitted in the Latin.

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⁴⁶ Such. *Magis infestus*, 'more dangerous.'

⁴⁷ Good. Omitted in the Latin.

⁴⁸ Dead. Omitted in the Latin.

⁴⁹ Others. *Tanquam in speculo, aliquando, ut fit etiam in speculis, minus respondet*, 'as if in a mirror, sometimes does not answer, as is also the case in mirrors.'

⁵⁰ A Man may think. *Vetus est*, 'it is an old saying.'

⁵¹ No more. *Melius*, 'better.' [The illustrations are put inversely in the Latin.]

⁵² Or. *Licet nonnulli hoc cavillentur: Etiam recte dicitur*. 'Some may make this objection. It is rightly said.'

⁵³ Gamester. *Spectatorem sæpe plus videre, quam Lusorem*, 'a looker-on often sees more than a player.'

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tween the *Counsell* of a *Friend*, and of a *Flatterer*. For there is no such⁴⁶ *Flatterer*, as is a Mans Selfe; And there is no such Remedy, against *Flattery* of a Mans Selfe, as the Liberty of a *Friend*. *Counsell* is of two Sorts; The one concerning *Manners*, the other concerning *Businesse*. For the First; The best Preservative to keepe the Minde in Health, is the faithfull Admonition of a *Friend*. The Calling of a Mans Selfe, to a Strict Account, is a Medicine, sometime, too Piercing and Corrosive. Reading good⁴⁷ Bookes of *Morality*, is a little Flat, and Dead.⁴⁸ Obseruing our Faults in Others,⁴⁹ is sometimes vnproper for our Case. But the best Receipt (best (I say) to worke, and best to take) is the Admonition of a *Friend*. It is a strange thing to behold, what grosse Errours, and extreme Absurdities, Many (especially of the greater Sort) doe commit, for want of a *Friend*, to tell them of them; To the great dammage, both of their Fame, and Fortune. For, as *S. Iames* saith, they are as Men, *that looke sometimes into a Glasse, and presently forget their owne Shape, and Fauour.*^a As for *Businesse*, a Man may think,⁵⁰ if he will, that two Eyes see no more⁵¹ than one; Or⁵² that a Gamester⁵³ seeth alwaies more then a Looker on; ⁵⁴Or that a Man in Anger, is as Wise as he, that hath said ouer the foure^b and twenty Letters; Or that a Musket may be shot off, aswell vpon the Arme, as vpon a Rest; And such other fond and high⁵⁵ Imaginations, to thinke Himselfe All in All. But when all is done,⁵⁶ the Helpe of good⁵⁷ *Counsell*, is that, which

^a James i. 23.

^b In Bacon's time, *i* and *j*, and *u* and *v*, were not considered distinct letters.

⁵⁴ Or that a Man in Anger . . . Letters. Omitted in the Latin.

⁵⁵ Fond and high. *Quisiam tam altum sapiant*, 'some think so highly.'

⁵⁶ All is done. *Quicquid dici possit in contrarium*, 'whatever may be said to the contrary.'

⁵⁷ The Helpe of, &c. *Certum est, Consilium Negotia dirizere, et stabilire.* 'it is certain that counsel setteth business straight and firm.'

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⁵⁸ Perfect and entire. *Fideli, et intimo*, 'faithful and intimate.'

⁵⁹ Counsell. *Consilia illa, et diversis manantia*, 'counsels coming from divers persons.'

⁶⁰ Good Meaning. *Fide, et bona intentione*, 'faith and good meaning.'

⁶¹ You complaine of. Omitted in the Latin.

⁶² Body. *Corporis tui Constitutionis*, 'the constitution of your body.'

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setteth *Businesse* straight. And if any Man thinke, that he will take *Counsell*, but it shall be by Peeces; Asking *Counsell* in one *Businesse* of one Man, and in another *Businesse* of another Man; It is well, (that is to say, better perhaps then if he asked none at all;) but he runneth two dangers: One, that he shall not be faithfully counsell'd; For it is a rare Thing, except it be from a perfect and entire⁵⁸ *Friend*, to haue Counsell giuen, but such as shalbe bowed and crooked to some ends, which he hath that giueth it. The other, that he shall haue Counsell⁵⁹ giuen, hurtfull, and vn safe, (though with good Meaning⁶⁰) and mixt, partly of Mischiefe, and partly of Remedy: Euen as if you would call a Physician, that is thought good, for the Cure of the Disease, you complaine of,⁶¹ but is vnacquainted with your body;⁶² And therefore, may put you in way for a present Cure, but ouerthroweth your Health in some other kinde;⁶³ And so cure the Disease, and kill the Patient.⁶⁴ But a *Friend*, that is wholly acquainted with a Mans Estate, will beware by furthering any present *Businesse*, how he dasheth vpon other Inconuenience. And therefore, rest not vpon *Scattered Counsels*; They will rather distract, and Misleade, then Settle, and Direct.

After these two Noble *Fruits of Friendship*; (*Peace in the Affections*, and *Support of the Iudgement*,) followeth the last *Fruit*; which is like the *Pomgranat*, full of many kernels; I meane *Aid*, and *Bearing a Part*, in all *Actions*, and *Occasions*. Here, the best Way, to represent to life the manifold vse of *Friendship*, is to cast and see, how many Things there are, which a Man cannot doe⁶⁵ Himselfe;

⁵⁸ Other kinde. *In summa*, 'on the whole.'

⁶⁴ Patient. *Atque hoc facto Morbum extinguet, et non ita multo post, Hominem*, 'and in this way destroys the disease, and not so long after, the man.'

⁶⁵ Doe. *Exequi commode*, 'do conveniently.'

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⁶⁶ Sparing. *Non per Hyperbolen, sed sobrie dictum*, 'not hyperbolically, but sparingly said.'

⁶⁷ For that. *Quandoquidem, si quis vere rem reputet*, 'since, if one truly considers the matter.'

⁶⁸ Farre more than Himselfe. *Amici officia, proprias cujusque vires superent*, 'the services of a friend surpass one's own strength.'

⁶⁹ Haue their Time. *Mortales sunt*, 'are mortal.'

⁷⁰ Desire some Things. *In Medio Operum aliquorum*, 'in the middle of some works.'

⁷¹ Bestowing of a Child. *Collocatione Filii in Matrimonium*, 'bestowing a son in marriage.'

⁷² Worke. *Conatum et Desideriorum suorum*, 'their endeavours and desires.'

⁷³ Care of those Things . . . after Him. *De iisdem rebus, Amici cura et opera, post Mortem perficiendis*, 'that those things will be perfected after his death, by the care and assistance of his friend.'

⁷⁴ So that a Man . . . his desires. *Adeo ut Fatum immaturum vix obsit; Atque habeat quis (ut loquamur more Tribulum aut Firmariorum,) in Desideriis suis, Terminum, non unius, sed duarum vitarum*, 'so that premature fate scarcely injures him; and a man has (to speak as common people and farmers do) the term of not one but two lives in his desires.'

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And then it will appeare, that it was a Sparing⁶⁶ Speech of the Ancients, to say, *That a Friend is another Himselfe*: For that⁶⁷ a *Friend* is farre more then *Himselfe*.⁶⁸ Men haue their Time,⁶⁹ and die many times in desire of some Things,⁷⁰ which they principally take to Heart; The Bestowing of a Child,⁷¹ The Finishing of a Worke,⁷² Or the like. If a Man haue a true *Friend*, he may rest almost secure, that the Care of those Things, will continue after Him.⁷³ So that a Man hath as it were two Liues in his desires.⁷⁴ A Man hath⁷⁵ a Body, and that Body is confined to a Place; But where *Friendship* is, all Offices of Life, are as it were granted to Him, and his Deputy. ⁷⁶For he may exercise them by his *Friend*. How many Things are there, which a Man cannot, with any Face or Comelines, say⁷⁷ or doe Himselfe? A Man can scarce alledge his owne Merits with modesty, much lesse extoll them: A man cannot sometimes brooke to Supplicate or Beg: And a number of the like. But all these Things, are Gracefull in a *Friends* Mouth, which are Blushing in a Mans Owne. So againe, a Mans Person hath many proper Relations, which he cannot put off. A Man cannot speake to his Sonne, but as a Father; To his Wife, but as a Husband; To his Enemy, but vpon Termes:⁷⁸ whereas a *Friend* may speak, as the Case requires, and not as it forteth with the Person. But to enumerate these Things were endlesse: I haue giuen the Rule, where a Man can fitly play his owne Part: If he haue not a *Friend*, he may quit the Stage.



⁷⁵ Hath. *Circumscribitur*, 'is bounded by.'

⁷⁶ For he may exercise them by his Friend. Omitted in the Latin.

⁷⁷ Say. Omitted in the Latin.

⁷⁸ But vpon Termes. *Nisi salva dignitate*, 'without preserving his honour.'

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N *Ant* is a wise Creature for it self, but it is a shrewd thing in an Orchard, or a garden. And certainlye Men that are great lovers of themselves, wast the publike. Diuide with reason betweene selfe-love, and societye, and be so true to thie self, as thou be not false to others.

It is a poore Centre of a Mans actions, himselfe; It is right Earth, For that onely standes fast vponn his owne Centre, Whereas all thinges, that have affinitye with the heavens, move vponn the Centre of another, which they benefitt. The referring of all to a Mans self is more tolerable in a Sovereigne Prince, because themselves are not themselves, but their good, and evill is at the

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selfe.

N *Ante* is a wise creature for it selfe. But it is a shrewd thing in an Orchard or garden. And certainly men that are great louers of themselves, waste the puplike. Diuide with reason betweene selfe loue, and society: and bee so true to thy selfe, as thou be not false to others.

It is a poore Centre of a mans actions, *himselfe*. It is right earth. For that only stands fast vpon his owne centre: whereas all things that haue affinity with the heauens, moue vpon the centre of another, which they benefit. The referring of all to a mans selfe, is more tollerable in a foueraigne Prince; because themselfes are not themselfes; but their good and euill is at the

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¹ TITLE. *De Prudentia quæ sibi sapii*, 'of prudence which is wise for one's self.'

² Orchard. Omitted in the Latin.

³ Society. *Amorem Reipublicæ*, 'love of the state.'

⁴ True. *Proximus*, 'nearest.'

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AN *Ant* is a wise Creature for it Selfe; But it is a shrewd Thing, in an Orchard,² or Garden. And certainly, Men that are great *Louers* of *Themselues*, waste the Publique. Diuide with reason betweene *Self-loue*, and *Society*:³ And be so true⁴ to thy *Selfe*, as thou be not false⁵ to Others; Specially to thy King, and Country. It is a poore⁶ Center of a Mans Actions, *Himselfe*.⁷ It is right Earth.⁸ For that onely⁹ stands fast vpon his owne Center; Whereas all Things, that haue Affinity with the *Heauens*, moue vpon the Center of another, which they benefit. The Referring of all to a *Mans Selfe*, is more tolerable in a Soueraigne Prince; Because *Themselues* are not onely *Themselues*;¹⁰ But their Good and Euill, is at the

¹ False. *Injurius*, 'unjust.'² Poore. *Ignobile*, 'ignoble.'³ Himselfe. *Commodium proprium*, 'his own interest.'⁴ Earth. *Terrestrem naturam sapit*, 'savours of earthly nature.'⁵ That onely. *Terra*, 'the earth.'⁶ Their Good, &c. *Sed publico periculo, et Fortuna, degunt*, 'but they live with the danger and fortune of the people.'

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perill of the publike *Fortune*, but it is a desperate evill in a Servaunt to a *Prince*, or a Cittizen in a *Republique*; For whatsoever affaires passe such a Mans hande hee crooketh them to his owne endes, which must needes be often excentrique to the endes of his Master, or State; Therefore lett Princes, or States chuse such servautes, as have not this marke, except they meane their service should be made but the Accessorie. And that which maketh the effect more pernicious is, that all proporcion is lost. It were disproportion enoughe for the servautes good to be preferred before the Maisters. But yet it is greater extreame, when a little good of the servautes shall carry thinges against a great good of the Masters; and yet that is the case.

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perill of the publike fortune. But it is a desperate euil in a servaunt to a *Prince*, or a Citizen in a *Republike*. For whatsoever affaires passe such a mans hand, hee crooketh them to his owne ends: which must needes bee often *Eccentrique* to the ends of his master or state. Therefore let Princes or States, chuse such servants, as haue not this marke; except they meane their service should bee made but the accessary. And that which maketh the effect more pernicious, is, that al proportion is lost. It were disproportion enough for the servants good to be preferred before the masters: But yet it is a greater extreme, when a little good of the servants, shall carrie things against a great good of the masters. And yet that is the case;

¹¹ Whatsoever Affaires *Negotia publica universa*, 'all public business.'

¹² Pass . . . Hands. *Expediuntur*, 'are despatched by.'

¹³ Servants. *Ministros et Servos*, 'officers and servants.'

¹⁴ Haue not. *Non maculantur*, 'are not spotted.'

¹⁵ All proportion. *Kerum analogia*, 'proportion of things.'

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perill of the Publique Fortune. But it is a desperate Euill in a Seruant to a Prince, or a Citizen in a Republique. For whatsoever Affaires¹¹ passe such a Mans Hands,¹² he crooketh them to his owne Ends: Which must needs be often Eccentrick to the Ends of his Master, or State. Therefore let Princes, or States, choose such Seruants,¹³ as haue not¹⁴ this marke, Except they meane their Seruice should be made but the Accessary. That which maketh the Effect more pernicious, is, that all Proportion¹⁵ is lost. It were disproportion enough, for the Seruants Good, to be preferred before the Masters; But yet it is a greater Extreme, when a little Good of the Seruant, shall carry Things,¹⁶ against a great Good of the Masters. And yet that is the case of Bad Officers, Treasurers, Ambassadors, Generals, and other False and Corrupt Seruants; which set a Bias vpon their Bowle, of their owne Petty Ends, and Enuies,¹⁷ to the ouerthrow¹⁸ of their Masters Great and Important Affaires. And for the most part,

¹¹ Carry Things. *Antefertur*, 'be preferred to.'

¹² And Enuies. Omitted in the Latin.

¹³ Ouerthrow. *Quod cum in transversum inclinet utilitatis Domini sui* 'which inclines it contrary to the profit of their master.'

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Ffor the good such seruantes receiue, is after the modell of theire owne Fortune, but the hurt, they fell for that good, is after the modell of theire Masters *Fortune*. And certainly it is the nature of extreame Self-lovers, as they will sett an howse on fire, and it were but to roste theire egge. And yet theis Men manie tymes hold creditt with theire Maisters, because theire study is but to please them, and profitt themselves; And for either respect, they will abandon the good of theire affaires.



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* *Lovers of themselves without a rival. Cicero. Ad Quint. Fratrem. iiii. 8.*

¹⁹ Sell. *Permutent*, 'exchange.'

²⁰ Extreme. Omitted in the Latin.

²¹ House. *Domum Proximi*, 'the house of their neighbour.'

²² Masters. *Viros potentes*, 'powerful men.'

²³ Affaires. *Domini sui*, 'of their master.'

²⁴ Rats. *Soricum*, 'shrews.'

²⁵ Thrusts out . . . for him. *E Domo expellit, quam sibi defodit, non alii*, 'thrusts [the Badger] out of the house which he has dug for himself, not for another.'

²⁶ Selfe-wisdome. *Pulchra illa Sapientia*, 'that fine wisdom.'

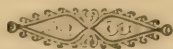
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Wisedome for a Mans selfe, is in many Branches thereof, a depraued Thing. It is the *Wisedome of Rats*,²⁴ that will be sure to leaue a House, somewhat before it fall. It is the *Wisedome of the Fox*, that thrusts out the *Badger*, who digged and made Roome for him.²⁵ It is the *Wisedome of Crocodiles*, that shed teares, when they would deuoure. But that which is specially to be noted, is, that those, which (as *Cicero* saies of *Pompey*) are, *Sui Amantes sine Riuali*,^a are many times vnfortunate. And whereas they haue all their time sacrificed to *Themselves*, they become in the end *themselves* Sacrifices to the Inconstancy of Fortune; whose Wings they thought, by their *Self-Wisedome*,²⁶ to haue Pinnioned.



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3. Of Nobilitie.

 *T* is a reverend thing to see an auncient Castell, or building not in decay; or to see a faier tymber Tree sound, and perfect; how much more to behold an auncient Noble familie, which hath stood against the waves, and weathers of tyme. For new Nobility is but the Act of Power, but auncient Nobility is the Act of Tyme. The first Rayfers of *Fortunes* are commonly more vertuous, but lesse innocent, then their descendentes; For there is rarely ryfing, but by a commixture of good and euill Actes. But it is reason the memorie of their vertues remaine to their posterityes, and their faultes dye with themselves; *Nobilitie* of Birth commonly abateth Industrie; and hee that is not industrious, envyeth him, that is; Besides Noble persons cannott goe much higher; and hee that

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7. Of Nobility.

 *T* is a reuerend thing to see an ancient castle or building not in decay: or to see a faire timber tree sound and perfect: how much more to behold an ancient Noble familie, which hath stood against the waues and weathers of time. For new Nobility is but the act of power; but ancient Nobility is the act of time. The first raisers of *Fortunes* are commonly more vertuous, but lesse innocent, then their descendants. For there is rarely rising, but by a commixture of good and euil Arts. But it is reason the memorie of their vertues remaine to their posterities, and their faults die with themselues. *Nobilitie* of Birth commonly abateth industrie: and hee that is not industrious, enuieth him that is: Besides noble persons, cannot goe much higher: And he that

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14. Of Nobility.

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others rise, can hardlye
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vpon a leuell.

[The paragraph on the opposite page was added in the
1625 edition, at the beginning of the *Essay*.]

¹ Need it. *Proceres non desiderantur*: 'peers are not needed.'

² They. *Status ille Popularis*, 'that state of the people.'

³ Sedition. *Factionibus et Turbis*, 'factions and disturbances.'

⁴ Then where there are. *Ubi non sunt*, 'where there are not.'

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14. Of Nobility.

[*Transposed, see below, at pp. 193, 195.*]

{ [*These four lines were transposed in 1625 Edition to the Essay Of Envy, see p. 514.*]



WE will speake of *Nobility*, first as a *Portion* of an *Estate*; Then as a *Condition* of *Particular Persons*. A *Monarchy*, where there is no *Nobility* at all, is euer a pure, and absolute *Tyranny*; As that of the *Turkes*. For *Nobility* attempters *Soueraignty*, and drawes the Eyes of the People, somewhat aside from the *Line Royall*. But for *Democracies*, they need it¹ not; And they² are commonly, more quiet, and lesse subiect to *Sedition*,³ then where there are⁴ *Stirps* of *Nobles*. For Mens Eyes are vpon the *Businesse*, and not vpon the *Persons*: Or if vpon the *Persons*, it is for the *Businesse* sake, as fittest, and not for *Flags* and *Pedegree*.⁵ Wee see the *Switzers* last well,⁶ notwithstanding their *Diuerfitie* of *Religion*, and of *Cantons*. For *Vtility* is their *Bond*, and not *Respects*.⁷ The vnited *Prouinces* of the *Low Countries*, in their *Gouernment*, excell: For where there is an *Equality*, the *Consultations* are more indifferent, and the *Payments* and *Tributes* more cheerfull.

¹ Pedegree. *Imaginum*, 'busts.'

⁶ Switzers last well. *Helvetiorum Rempublicam satis florentem*, 'the republic of the Swiss, flourishing enough.'

⁷ Respects. *Dignitas*, 'honour.'

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A great *Nobilitye*
addeth Maieftie to a *Mon-arch*, but diminisheth power; and putteth life, and spiritt into the people, but preffeth their fortunes. It is well when Nobles are not to great for *Souereignty* nor for *Iustice*, and yet mainteyned in that height, as the Insolencye of inferiours may bee broken vponn them, before it come on to fast vponn the maieftie of *Kings*.

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A great *Nobilitie* addeth maiefty to a *Monarch*, but diminisheth power: and putteth life and spirit into the people; but preffeth their fortunes. It is well when nobles are not too great for *Soueraigntie*, nor for *Iustice*; and yet maintained in that height, as the insollency of inferiours may be broken vpon them, before it come on too fast vpon the maieftie of *Kings*.

[Originally at the beginning. Transposed here in 1625 Edition; see pp. 188, 190.]

⁸ Life and Spirit. *Animos*, 'spirit.'

⁹ Height. *Dignitatis Gradus*, 'height of honour.'

¹⁰ Broken vpon. *Illorum Reverentia, tanquam Obice, retundatur*, 'may be blunted by reverence of them, as if by a barrier.'

¹¹ Numerous nobility. *Quæ plerunque minus potens est*, 'which generally is less powerful.'

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A great and Potent *Nobility* addeth Maiestie to a Monarch, but diminisheth Power; And putteth Life and Spirit⁸ into the People, but presseth their Fortune. It is well, when *Nobles* are not too great for Soueraignty, nor for Iustice; And yet maintained in that heighth,⁹ as the Insolencie of Inferiours, may be broken vpon¹⁰ them, before it come on too fast vpon the Maiesty of Kings.

A Numerous *Nobility*,¹¹ causeth Pouerty, and Inconuenience¹² in a State: For it is a Surcharge of Expence; And besides, it being of Necessity, that many of the Nobility, fall in time to be weake in Fortune, it maketh a kinde of Disproportion,¹³ betweene Honour and Meanes.

As for *Nobility in particular Persons*;

It is a Reuerend Thing, to see an Ancient Castle, or Building not in decay; Or to see a faire¹⁴ Timber Tree, sound and perfect: How much more, to behold an Ancient *Noble Family*, which hath stood against¹⁵ the Waues and

¹² Inconuenience. Omitted in the Latin.

¹³ Disproportion. *Divortium quoddam, sive malum Temperamentum*, 'a kind of divorce or bad proportion.'

¹⁴ Faire. *Annosam et proceram*, 'old and tall.'

¹⁵ Stood against. *Illesam*, 'unhurt by.'

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1625 Edition; see pp. 188, 190.]

[See pp. 190, 191, 514.]

¹⁶ Power. *Regiæ Potentiæ*, 'royal power.'

¹⁷ Time. *Temporis solius*, 'time alone.'

¹⁸ To nobility. *Ad Nobilitatis Fastigium*, 'to the height of nobility.'

¹⁹ More vertuous. *Virtutum Claritudine* . . . eminent, 'excel in the
esteem of virtue.

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weathers of Time. For new *Nobility* is but the Act of Power;¹⁶ But Ancient *Nobility* is the Act of Time.¹⁷ Those that are first raised to *Nobility*,¹⁸ are commonly more Vertuous,¹⁹ but lesse Innocent, then their Descendants: For there is, rarely, any Rising,²⁰ but by a Commixture, of good and euill Arts. But it is Reason, the Memory of their vertues, remaine to their Posterity; And their Faults die with themselves. *Nobility* of *Birth*, commonly abateth Industry: And he that is not industrious, enuieth him, that is. Besides, *Noble persons*, cannot goe much higher; And he that standeth at a stay, when others rise, can hardly auoid Motions of Enuy. On the other side, *Nobility* extinguisheth the passiue Enuy, from others towards them;²¹ Because they are in possession of²² Honour.

²⁰ Rising. *Ad Honores*, 'to honours.'

²¹ From others towards them. Omitted in the Latin.

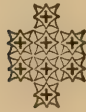
²² In possession of. *In Possessione nati*, 'born in possession of.'

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Certainly Kinges that have able Men of their *Nobilitye* shall finde ease in ymploying them, and a better flyde in their busines; for People naturally bend to them, as borne in some sorte to commaunde.

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Certainely *Kings* that haue able men of their Nobility, shal find ease in imploying them; and a better flid in to their businesse: For people naturally bend to them, as borne in some fort to command.



²³ Able. *Prudentes et capaces*, 'wise and able.'

²⁴ Finde ease. Omitted in the Latin.

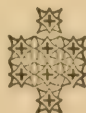
²⁵ In imploying them. *Si eos potissimum adhibeant*. 'if they employ them chiefly.'

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²⁶ Better Slide, &c. *Negotia sua mollius fluere sentient*, 'will find their business flow easier.

²⁷ Them. *Hujusmodi Proceres*, 'nobles of this kind.'

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Goodnes of Nature.

Take *Goodnes* in this fence; The affecting of the *Weale* of Men: which is that the *Gracians* call *Philanthropia*; for the word *Humanitie*, (as it is vsed) it is a litle to light to expresse it; *Goodnes* I call the habite, and *Goodnes of Nature*, the Inclination; This of all vertues is the greatest, being the Character of the *Deitie*, and without it Man is a busie, mischevous wretched thing, noe better then a kind of Vermyne. *Goodnes* aunswears to the *Theologicall vertue*, *Charitie*, and admittes not excesse, but errour.

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3. Of Goodnesse, and
goodnes of Nature.

Take *goodnesse* in this fence, the affecting of the *Weale* of men, which is, that the *Gracians* call *Philanthropia*; for the word *humanitie* (as it is vsed) it is a little too light to expresse it. *Goodnesse* I call the habite; and *goodnesse of Nature*, the inclination. This of all vertues, is the greatest: being the character of the *Deitie*; and without it, man is a busie, mischieuous, wretched thing: no better then a kind of vermine. *Goodnesse* answers to the *Theologicall vertue* *Charity*, and admits not excesse, but error.

VI. Variations in posthumous Latin Edition of 1638.

¹ Affecting. *Affectus, qui Hominum Commoda studeat, et bene velit*: 'affection, which studies and wishes well to the weal of men.'

² Light. *Leuius atque angustius*, 'too light and narrow.'

³ Habit. *Affectum, et Habitum*, 'affection and habit.'

13. Of Goodnesse and Goodnesse of Nature.



Take *Goodnesse* in this Sense, the affecting¹ of the Weale of Men, which is that the Grecians call *Philanthropia*; And the word *Humanitie* (as it is vsed) is a little too light,² to expresse it. *Goodnesse* I call the Habit,³ and *Goodnesse of Nature*, the Inclination. This of all Vertues, and Dignities of the Minde, is the greatest; being the Character⁴ of the Deitie: And without it, Man⁵ is a Buse, Mischieuous, Wretched Thing; No better then a Kinde of Vermine. *Goodnesse* answers to the *Theologicall Vertue Charitie*, and admits no Excesse, but Errour.

The desire of Power in Excesse, caused the Angels to fall;⁶ The desire of Knowledge in Excesse, caused Man to fall;⁷ But in *Charity*, there is no Excesse; Neither can Angell, or Man, come in danger by it. The Inclination to *Goodnesse*, is imprinted deeply in the

¹ Character. *Adumbrata quædam Effigies, et Character*: 'a sort of shadowed likeness and character.'

² Man. *Homo Animalis*, 'the animal man.'

⁶ Caused to fall. *Cælo deturbavit*; 'thrust down from heaven.'

⁷ Caused Man to fall. *Paradiso expulit*; 'drove out of Paradise.'

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The *Italians* haue an vngracious proverbe *Tanto buon che val niente*, So good that he is good for *Nothinge*, and one of the Doctors of *Italy* *Nicholas Matchiauell* had the confidence to putt in writing almost in plaine termes, that the *Christian faith* had giuen vp good Men in praye, to those that are tyrannicall, and vniust; which he spake because indeed there was never Lawe, or sect, or opinion did so much magnifie Goodnes as the *Christian Religion* doth. Therefore to avoyd the Scandall, and the danger both, it is good to take knoweledge of the

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⁸ Issue not. *Benefaciendi Materia, aut Occasione, destituta, non inueniat, quo se exercent in Homines*, 'having no matter or occasion of doing good, it does not find a means of working upon men.'

⁹ Cruell. *Sæva et færa*, 'cruel and savage.'

¹⁰ Christian Boy. *Aurifex quidam Venetus*, 'a Venetian goldsmith.'

¹¹ Stoned. *Vix furorem Populi effugerit*, 'scarcely escaped the fury of the people.'

¹² Waggishnesse. Omitted in the Latin.

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Nature of Man : In so much, that if it issue not⁸ towards Men, it will take vnto Other Liuing Creatures : As it is seen in the Turks, a Cruell⁹ People, who neuertheless, are kinde to Beasts, and giue Almes to Dogs, and Birds : In so much, as *Busbechius*^a reporteth ; A Christian Boy¹⁰ in *Constantinople*, had liked to haue been stoned,¹¹ for gagging, in a waggishnesse,¹² a longe Billed Fowle. Errours, indeed, in this vertue of *Goodnesse*, or *Charity*, may be committed.

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^a Augier de Ghislien, Seigneur de Busbecq. [b. 1522—d. 28 Oct. 1592] German ambassador to Turkey, wrote *Legationis Turcicæ epistolæ quatuor*, first published entire at Paris in 1589. The above circumstance is narrated in Letter III. (p. 141. Ed. 1595), dated Constantinople. Calendis Iunij. 1560.

^b Machiavelli. *Discorsi sopra la prima Deca di Tito Livio*. ii. 2.

¹³ One of the Doctors of Italy. Omitted in the Latin.

¹⁴ Good. *Probos et innocentes*, 'good and harmless.'

¹⁵ Danger. *Periculi ictum et Minas*, 'the stroke and the threats of danger.'

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 or fancies, for that is but
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¹⁶ Errours. *Errores, qui nos a recto tam insignis Habitus tramite, trans-*
vorsos agant, 'the errors which drive us from the straight path of so excel-
 lent a habit.'

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^a Matt. xxv. 45.

¹⁷ Choice. *Paucis, et cum delectu*, 'to a few, and with choice.

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followe me, but fell not all thou hast, except thou come, and followe me; that is, except thou have a vocation, wherein thou maiest doe as much good with litle meanes, as with great; For otherwise in feeding the streames, thou dryest the fountaine. Neither is there onely a habite of *Goodnes* directed by right reason; but there is in some Men, euen in *Nature* a disposicion towards it; as on th[e] other side there is a naturall Malignity; For there bee that in their nature doe not affect the good of others. The lighter sorte of Malignitye tourneth but to a Crofnes, or frowardnes, or aptnes to oppose, or difficilenes, or the like, but the deeper sorte to envye and meere mischeif.

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follow me; but fell not all thou hast, except thou come and follow me; that is, except thou haue a vocation, wherein thou maiest doe as much good with little meanes, as with great: For otherwise in feeding the streames, thou driest the fountaine. Neither is there onely a habite of goodnesse, directed by right reason: but there is in some men, euen in *nature*, a disposition towards it: as on the other side, there is a naturall malignity. For there bee that in their nature doe not affect the good of others: the lighter sort of malignitie, turneth but to a crossenesse, or frowardnesse, or aptnesse to oppose, or difficilnesse, or the like: but the deeper fort, to enuie and meere mischief.

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their practise to bring men

¹⁸ Nature. *Ingenii proprii Instinctu*, 'by the instinct of their nature.'

¹⁹ Deeper. *Gravius . . . atque altius*, 'The more serious and deeper.'

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follow mee.^a But fell not all thou hast, except thou come, and follow mee; That is, except thou haue a Vocation, wherein thou maist doe as much good, with little meanes, as with great: For otherwise, in feeding the Streames, thou driest the Fountaine. Neither is there only a *Habit* of *Goodnesse*, directed by right Reason; but there is, in some Men, euen in Nature, a Disposition towards it: As on the other side, there is a Naturall Malignitie. For there be, that in their Nature,¹⁸ doe not affect the Good of Others. The lighter Sort of Malignitie, turneth but to a *Crofsnesse*, or *Frowardnesse*, or *Aptnesse* to oppose, or *Difficilnesse*, or the like; but the deeper¹⁹ Sort, to Enuy, and meere Mischiefe. Such Men, in other mens Calamities, are, as it were, in season, and are euer on the loading Part;²⁰ Not so good as the Dogs, that licked *Lazarus* Sores; but like Flies, that are still buzzing, vpon any Thing that is raw;²¹

Misanthropi, that make it their Practice, to bring Men,

^a Mark x. 21.

²⁰ On the loading Part. *Easque semper aggravant*, 'and always increase them.'

²¹ Raw. *Cruda quæque et excoriata*, 'what is raw and excoriated.'

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²² Such dispositions. *Ingenia ita disposita, non injuria vocare licet.* 'natures thus disposed may be not unjustly called.'

²³ Errors. *Vomicas et Carcinomata.* 'boils and cancers.'

²⁴ Great Politiques. *Mercurii Politicii*; 'Mercurial politicians.'

²⁵ Strangers. *Hospites et Peregrinos.* 'strangers and foreigners.'

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to the Bough; And yet haue neuer a Tree, for the purpose, in their Gardens, as *Timon* had. Such Dispositions,²² are the very Errours²³ of Humane Nature: And yet they are the fittest Timber, to make great Politiques²⁴ of: Like to knee Timber, that is good for Ships, that are ordained, to be tossed; But not for Building houses, that shall stand firme.

The Parts and Signes of *Goodnesse* are many. If a Man be Gracious, and Curteous to Strangers,²⁵ it shewes, he is a Citizen of the World; And that his Heart, is no Island, cut off from other Lands; but a Continent, that ioynes to them. If he be Compassionate, towards the Afflictions of others, it shewes²⁶ that his Heart is like the noble Tree, that is wounded it selfe, when it giues the Balme. If he easily Pardons and Remits Offences, it shews, that his Minde is planted aboue Iniuries; So that he cannot be shot.²⁷ If he be Thankfull for small Benefits, it shewes, that he weighe Mens Mindes, and not their Trash. But aboue all, if he haue *St. Pauls* Perfection, that he would wish to be an *Anathema* from *Christ*, for the Saluation of his Brethren, it shewes much of a Diuine Nature,²⁸ and a kind of Conformity with *Christ* himselfe.



²² Shewes. *Nobilitat*, 'ennobles.'

²⁷ Be shot. *Supra Injuriarum factum et Tela*, 'above the reach and the weapons of injury'

²⁸ Diuine Nature. *Proxime illum accedere ad Naturam diuinam*, 'that he approaches very near to the Divine nature.'

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5. Of Beantie.



Ertue is like a rich stone, best plaine sett. And fuerlie vertue is best sett in a body that is comelie though not of delicate features, and that hath rather dignitie of presence, then beawtie of aspect. Neither is it almost seene, that verie beautifull persons are otherwise of great vertue; as if nature were rather busie not to erre, then in labour to produce excellencye; And therefore they prove accomplished, but not of great spiritt; And studie rather behauiour, then vertue.

In beantie that of favour is more then that of collour, and that of decent and

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24. Of Beauty.



Ertue is like a rich stone, best plain fet: and surely vertue is best set in a body that is comely though not of delicate features; and that hath rather dignitie of presence, then beauty of aspect. Neither is it almost seene, that verie beautifull persons are otherwise of great vertue; as if nature were rather busie not to erre, then in labour to produce excellency. And therefore they proue accomplished, but not of great spirit; and study rather behauiour then vertue.

In *Beantie*, that of fauour is more then that of colour; and that of decent and

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¹ Of Delicate Features. *Delicato*, 'delicate.'² Presence. *Aspectus*, 'of aspect.'³ Aspect. Omitted in the Latin.

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43. Of Beauty.



Vertue is like a
 Rich Stone, best
 plaine set: And
 surely Vertue is
 best in a Body, that is
 comely, though not of
 Delicate Features:¹ And
 that hath rather dignity of
 Prefence,² then *Beauty* of
 Aspect.³ Neither is it al-
 most seene, that very
Beautifull Persons, are
 otherwise of great Vertue;
 As if Nature, were rather
 Busie not to erre, then in
 labour,⁴ to produce Excel-
 lency. And therefore, they
 proue Accomplished,⁵ but
 not of great Spirit; And
 Study rather Behaviour,
 then Vertue; But this
 holds not alwaies; For *Augustus Cæsar*, *Titus Vespasianus*,
Philip le Belle of *France*, *Edward the Fourth*
 of *England*, *Alcibiades* of *Athens*, *Ismael the Sophy*⁶ of
Persia, were all High and Great Spirits;⁷ And yet the
 most *Beautifull Men* of their Times.⁸
 In *Beauty*, that of Fauour,⁹
 is more then that of Colour,
 And that of Decent and

¹ Labour. Omitted in the Latin.

² Accomplished. *Conversationibus apti*, 'fit for intercourse.'

³ Sophy. Omitted in the Latin.

⁴ High and Great Spirits. *Viri prorsus magni*, 'very great men.'

⁵ Of their Times. Omitted in the Latin.

⁶ Fauour. *Venustas*, 'comeliness.'

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gracious mocion, more then that of favour. That is the best part of beauty which a picture cannott expresse, noe nor the first sight of the life; and there is noe excellent *Beautie*, that hath not some strangenes in the proporcions. A man cannot tell whether *Appelles* or *Albert Durere* were the more trifier; Whereof the one would make a Parsonage by Geometricall proporcions, the other by takeing the best partes out of divers faces to make one excellent. Such parsonages I thinke would please noe bodye, but the painter, that made them. Not but I thinke a Painter may make a better face then ever was; But he must doe it by a kinde of felicity (as a Musition, that maketh an excellent ayre in *Musick*) and not by rule.

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gratious motion, more then that of fauour. That is the best part of beauty which a picture cannot expresse: no nor the first sight of the life: and there is no excellent beauty, that hath not some strangeness in the proportions. A man cannot tell whether *Apelles* or *Albert Durere* were the more trifier. Whereof one the would make a personage by Geometrical proportions, the other by taking the best parts out of diuers faces, to make one excellent. Such personages I thinke would please no body, but the Painter that made them. Not but I thinke a Painter may make a better face then euer was: But heemust doe it by a kinde of felicity, (as a Musitian that maketh an excellent aire in *Musick*) and not by rule.

¹⁰ Motion. *Oris et Corporis motus*, 'motion of the face and body.'

¹¹ Personages. *Effigies*, 'images.'

¹² That made them. Omitted in the Latin.

¹³ Was. *In vivis fuit*, 'was in life.'

¹⁴ Felicity. *Felicitate quadam, et casu*, 'by a kind of felicity and chance.'

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Gracious Motion,¹⁰ more then that of Fauour. That is the best Part of *Beauty*, which a Picture cannot expresse; No nor the first Sight of the Life. There is no Excellent *Beauty*, that hath not some Strangeness in the Proportion. A Man cannot tell, whether *Apelles*, or *Albert Durer*, were the more Trifler: Whereof the one would make a Personage by Geometricall Proportions: The other, by taking the best Parts out of diuers Faces, to make one Excellent. Such Personages,¹¹ I thinke, would please no Body, but the Painter, that made them.¹² Not but I thinke a Painter, may make a better Face, then euer was;¹³ But he must doe it, by a kinde of Felicity,¹⁴ (As a Musician that maketh an excellent Ayre in Musicke)¹⁵ And not by Rule.¹⁶

A Man shall see Faces, that if you examine them, Part by Part, you shall finde neuer a good;¹⁷ And yet all together doe well.

¹⁵ Excellent Ayre in Musicke. *Cantus*, 'melody.'

¹⁶ Rule. *Regulis Artis*, 'rules of art.'

¹⁷ Finde neuer a good. *Vix unam reperies quam separatim probes*, 'you shall scarcely find one that you will approve of separately.'

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Yf it be true that the principall part of Beautie is in decent mocion, Certainly it is no mervaile, though persons in yeeres seeme manie tymes more amiable. *Pulchrorum Autumnus pulcher*. For noe youth can be comely, but by pardon and by considering the youth, as to make vpp the comelynes. Beautie is as sommer fruites which are easie to corrupt, and cannott last; and for the most part it makes a dissolute youth, and an age a litle out of countenance; But yet certainlie againe if it light well, it maketh vertues shyne, and vices blushe.

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¹⁸ More Amiable. *Junioribus amabiliores*, 'more amiable than younge persons.'

¹⁹ Before *Pulchrorum*. *Secundum illud Euripidis*, 'according to the saying of Euripides.'

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If it be true, that the Principall Part of *Beauty*, is in decent Motion, certainly it is no maruaile, though *Persons in Yeares*, seeme many times more Amiable;¹⁸ ¹⁹*Pulchrorum Autumnus pulcher.*^a For no *Youth* can be comely,²⁰ but by Pardon, and considering the *Youth*, as to make vp the comelineffe. *Beauty* is as Summer-Fruits, which are easie to corrupt, and cannot last: And, for the most part, it makes a dissolute *Youth*, and an *Age* a little out of countenance:²¹ But yet certainly againe, if it light well, it maketh Vertues shine, and Vices blush.



^a *The autumn of beautiful persons is beautiful.* A saying of Euripides, preserved in Plutarch's *Alcibiades*. i. 5.

"Euripides would say of persons that were beautifull, and yet in some yeeres; *In faire bodies, not onely the Spring is pleasant, but also the Autumne.*" Lord Bacon's *Apophth.* No. 145. Ed. 1625.

²⁰ *After* comely. *Per omnia*, 'in everything.'

²¹ Out of countenance. *Sero pœnitentem*, 'repenting too late.'

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6. Of seeming wise.



T hath beene an opinion, that the *French* are wiser then they seeme, and the *Spaniards* seeme wiser then they are. But howsoever it bee betwene Nations, Certainly it is soe betweene Man, and Man. For as the Appostle saith of *Godlines*. *Hauing a shew of Godlines, but denying the power thereof* Soe certainly there are in pointe of wisdom, and sufficiencie, that doe nothing, or litle verie solemlye. *Magno conatu nugas*. It is a ridiculous thing, and fitt for a *Satyre* to persons of Iudgement, to see what shiftes theis *Formalists* haue, and what perspectiues to make *superficies*, to seeme body, that hath depth and bulk. Some are so close, and reserved, as they will not shewe their

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20. Of Seeming wise.



T hath beene an opinion, that the *French* are wiser then they seeme, and the *Spaniards* seem wiser than they are: But howsoever it be between Nations, certainly it is so between Man and Man. For as the Apostle saith of *godlinesse*: *Hauing a shew of godlinesse, but denying the power thereof*; So certainlie there are in point of wisdom and sufficiencie, that doe nothing or litle verie solemly; *Magno conatu nugas*. It is a ridiculous thing, and fit for a *Satyre* to persons of iudgement, to see what shifts these formalists haue, and what perspectiues to make *Superficies* to seeme body, that hath depth and bulke. Some are so close, and reserved, as they will not shew their

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¹ TITLE. *De Prudentia Apparente*, 'of seeming wisdom.'² In Points of Wisdom, and Sufficiency. *Cum Prudentes minime*, 'though they are not at all wise.'


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26. Of Seeming wise.¹

T hath been an Opinion, that the *French* are wiser then they feeme; And the *Spaniards* feeme wiser then they are. But howsoever it be between Nations, Certainly it is so between Man and Man. For as the *Apostle* saith of *Godlinesse*; *Hauing a shew of Godlinesse, but denying the Power thereof;*^a So certainly, there are in Points of *Wisedome*, and *Sufficiency*,² that doe Nothing or Little, very solemnly; *Magno conatu Nugas.*^b It is a Ridiculous Thing, and fit for a Satyre, to Persons of Iudgement, to see what shifts³ these Formalists haue, and what Prospectiues, to make *Superficies* to feeme *Body*, that hath Depth and Bulke.⁴ Some are so Close and Reserued,⁵ as they will not shew their

^a 2 Tim. iii. 5.^b *Magno conatu magnas nugas dixerit*, 'with great effort she uttered great trifles.' Terence. *Heauton.* iv. 1.³ Shifts. *In quot Formas se vertant*, 'into how many forms they turn themselves.'⁴ Bulke. *Dimensionem Solidi*, 'the bulk of a solid body.'⁵ Reserued. *In se declarando parci*, 'reserved in declaring themselves.'

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wares, but by a darke light, and seeme alwaies to keepe back somewhat, and when they knowe within themselves, they speake of that they doe not well knowe, would neuertheles seeme to others to knowe of that which they may not well speake. Some helpe themselves with countenance, and gesture, and are wise by signes, as *Cicero* saith of *Piso*, that when he answered him, hee fetched one of his browes vp to his forehead, and bent the other downe to his Chinne; *respondes altera ad frontem sub lato, altero ad mentem* depresso supercilio, crudelitatem tibi non placere*. Some thinke to beare it by speaking a great word, and being peremptorye, and will goe on, and take by admittance that which they cannot make good. Some whatsoever is beyond their reach they will seeme to despise, or make light of, as impertinent or curious, and so

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* A clerical error for *mentum*.

⁶ Keepe backe. *Videri volunt, plus significare, quam loqui*, 'wish to seem to mean more than they say.'

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tum depresso Supercilio;
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^a You answer—with one eyebrow lifted to the forehead, and the other lowered to the chin—that cruelty does not please you. *Cicero. In L. C. Pisone. vi.*

⁷ Well. *Tuto*, 'safely.'

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would have their *Ignorance* seeme Iudgement. Some are never without a difference, and commonly by amusing Men with a subtiltye, blanch the matter; of whom *Gellius* saith. *Hominem delirum qui verborum minutiis, rerum frangit pondera*, of which kind also *Plato* in his *Protagoras* bringeth in *Prodicus* in scorne, and maketh him make a speech that consisteth of distinctions from the beginning to the end; But generally such Men in all deliberacions finde ease to be of the Negative side, and affect a credit to object, and foretell difficultnes; For when propositions are denied, there is an end of them; but if they be allowed, it requireth a new worke; which false point of wisdom is the bane of Business. To conclude there is noe decaying Merchant, or inward Begger, hath so manie trickes to

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⁸ Would haue. *Inscitiam suam obtundunt*, 'conceal their ignorance.'

⁹ Iudgement. *Judicio limato*, 'with a show of refined judgment.'

¹⁰ Men. *Hominum Ingenia*, 'men's minds.'

¹¹ Blanch the matter. *Rem prætervehuntur*, 'slip the matter by.'

¹² Speech. *Sermonem integrum*, 'entire speech.'

¹³ Finde ease. *Libenter se applicant*, 'willingly apply themselves to.'

¹⁴ Difficulties. *Scrupulis et Difficultatibus*, 'scruples and difficulties.'

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^a [Lit. *An insane man who breaks the weight of things with fineness of words.*] A mistaken quotation as to the Author. It is from Quintillian, who, referring to Seneca, says; *Si rerum pondera minutissima sententis non fregisset, consensu potius eruditorum quam puerorum amore comprobaretur*, 'If he had not broken the weight of things with most minute sentences, he would have been honoured rather by the unanimous approval of the learned, than by the admiration of boys.' *Inst.* x. i.

¹⁵ Inward Beggar. *Decoctor Rei familiaris occultus*, 'hidden spendthrift of his family property.'

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wealth, as these emptie
perçons haue to maintaine
the credit of their suffi-
ciency.



¹⁶ Empty. *Vera Prudentia destituti* 'destitute of true wisdom.'

¹⁷ Sufficiency. *Prudentiæ*, 'wisdom.'

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vphold the Credit of their wealth, as these Empty¹⁶ persons haue, to maintaine the Credit of their Sufficiency.¹⁷ *Seeming Wife*¹⁸-men may make shift to get Opinion : But let no Man choose them for Employment ;¹⁹ For certainly, you were better take for Bufinesse, a Man somewhat Absurd, then ouer Formall.



¹⁸ Seeming Wise. *Hac prudentia præditi*, 'endowed with this wisdom.'

¹⁹ Employment. *Ad Negotia gravior tractanda*, 'to manage important business.'

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9. Of Ambition.



*A*mbition is like *Choler* which is an humour that maketh men active, earnest, full of alacrity, and stirring, if it be not stopped. But if it be stopped, and cannot have his way, it becometh *Aduſt*, and thereby malignant and venomous. So ambitious Men if they find the way open of their rising and still get forward, they are rather busy then dangerous; but if they be checked in their desires, they become secretly discontent, and looke vponn Men and matters with an euill Eye, and are best pleased when things goe backward; which is the worst property that can bee in a seruante of a Prince, or State. Therefore it is good for Princes, if they vse ambitious Men, to handle it soe, as they be still progressive, and not

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22. Of Ambition.



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¹ *Aduſt*. *Adusta*, 'inflamed.'² *Way Open*. *Repulsas non patiantur*, 'do not suffer repulses.'³ *Rising*. *Ambitu et Petitione*, 'rising and desire.'

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38. Of Ambition.



Ambition is like
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 an Humour, that
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⁴ After deſires. *Et ſubinde fruſtrentur*, 'and are frequently fruſtrated.'

⁵ Become ſecretly diſcontent. *Malevolentiam et Inuidiam in Corde ſeuerant*, 'they cheriſh ill-will and envy in their heart.'

⁶ Beſt pleaſed. *In ſinu lætantur*, 'pleaſed in their heart.'

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retrograde; which because it cannot bee without inconvenience, it is good not to vse such Natures at all. Ffor if they rise not with their service, they will take order to make their service fall with them.

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⁷ Commanders. *Imperatores et Duces*, 'commanders and leaders.'

⁸ Dispenseth. *Compensat*, 'equalizes.'

⁹ Pulling downe, &c. *Ut prægrandibus alas amputent, et eorum potentiam labefactent*, 'to cut the wings of persons who are too great, and to diminish their power.'

¹⁰ Brideled. *Frænandi et coercendi*, 'bridled and restrained.'

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Retrograde: Which because it cannot be without Inconuenience, it is good not to vse such Natures at all. For if they rise not with their Seruice, they will take Order to make their Seruice fall with them. But since we haue said, it were good not to vse Men of *Ambitious Natures*, except it be vpon necessitie, it is fit we speake, in what Cafes, they are of necessitie. Good Commanders⁷ in the Warres, must be taken, be they neuer so *Ambitious*: For the Vse of their Seruice dispenseth⁸ with the rest; And to take a Soldier without *Ambition*, is to pull off his Spurres. There is also great vse of *Ambitious Men*, in being Skreenes to Princes, in Matters of Danger and Enuie: For no Man will take that Part, except he be like a Seel'd Doue, that mounts and mounts, because he cannot see about him. There is Vse also of *Ambitious Men*, in Pulling downe the Greatnesse, of any Subiect that ouer-tops:⁹ As *Tiberius* vsed *Macro* in the Pulling down of *Seianus*. Since therefore they must be vsed, in such Cafes, there resteth to speake, how they are to be bridleed,¹⁰ that they may be lesse *dangerous*.¹¹ There is lesse *danger* of them, if they be of Meane Birth, then if they be Noble: And if they be rather Harsh¹² of Nature, then Gracious and Popular: And if they be rather New Raised,¹³ then growne Cunning, and Fortified in their Greatnesse. It is counted by some, a weaknesse¹⁴ in Princes, to haue *Fauorites*;¹⁵ But it is, of

¹¹ Dangerous. *Ut minus ab illis impendeat Periculi*, 'that less danger may inpend from them.'

¹² Harsh. *Truciores et asperiores*, 'more stern and harsh.'

¹³ Raised. *Honoribus admoti*, 'raised to honours.'

¹⁴ Weaknesse. *Signum infirmi Animi*, 'sign of a weak mind.'

¹⁵ Fauorites. *Gratiosos et Intimos*, 'fauourites and intimates.'

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Of Ambitions it is the leffe harmefull, the ambition to prevaile in great thinges, then that other to appeare in every thinge. For that breedes confufion, and marres bufineffe.

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He that feeketh to be eminent amongst able

¹⁶ Ambitious Great-Ones. *Potentiam nimiam Procerum, aut Magistratum*, 'too great power of nobles or magistrates.'

¹⁷ Any Other. *Alius aliquis ex Proceribus*, 'any other of the nobles.'

¹⁸ Proud. *Ambitiosos, et protervos*, 'ambitious and proud.'

¹⁹ Keep Things steady. *Qui Partes medias teneant, ne Factiones omnia pessudent*: 'to hold a middle course, lest factions ruin everything.'

²⁰ Hauiing of them Obnoxious to Ruine. *Quantum ad ingenerandam illam in Ambitiosis opinionem, ut se ruinæ proximos putent, atque eo modo contineantur*; 'as to creating an opinion in ambitious persons that they are near ruin, and thus restraining them.'

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all others, the best Remedy against *Ambitious Great-Ones*.¹⁶ For when the Way of Pleasuring and Displeasuring, lieth by the *Favourite*, it is Impossible, Any Other¹⁷ should be *Ouer-great*. Another meanes to curbe them, is to Ballance them by others, as Proud¹⁸ as they. But then, there must be some Middle Counsellours, to keep Things steady:¹⁹ For without that Ballast, the Ship will roule too much. At the least, a Prince may animate and inure some Meaner Persons, to be, as it were, Scourges to *Ambitious Men*. As for the hauing of them Obnoxious to Ruine,²⁰ if they be of fearefull Natures, it may doe well: But if they bee Stout, and Daring, it may precipitate their Designes,²¹ and proue dangerous. As for the pulling of them downe, if the Affaires require it, and that it may not be done with safety suddainly, the onely Way is, the Enterchange continually of Favours, and Disgraces; whereby they may not know, what to expect;²² And be,²³ as it were, in a Wood. Of *Ambitions*, it is lesse harmefull, the *Ambition* to preuaile in great Things, then that other, to appeare in euery thing; For that breeds Confusion,²⁴ and marres Businesse. But yet, it is lesse danger, to haue an *Ambitious* Man, stirring in Businesse, then Great in Dependances.²⁵

He that seeketh to be
Eminent amongst Able

¹⁶ Designes. *Conatus et Machinationes*, 'endeavours and designs.'

²² What to expect. *Unde attoniti et confusi hæreant, nescientes quid expectent*, 'whereby they may remain astonished and confused, not knowing what to expect.'

²³ Be. *Ambulent*, 'walk.'

²⁴ Confusion. *Confusionem Consiliorum*, 'confusion of councils.'

²⁵ Dependances. *Gratia et Clientelis*, 'favour and following.'

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Men, hathe a great Taske, but that is ever good for the publike. But hee that plotteth to be the onely figure amongst Ciphers, is the decay of an whole age. Honor hath three thinges in it. *The* Vantage ground to doe good. *The* Approache to Kinges, and principall persons, *And* the Rayfing of a Mans owne *Fortune*. Hee that hath the best of theis intencions when he aspireth is an honest Man, and that Prince that can discerne of theis intencions in another that aspireth is a wise Prince. Generally lett Princes, and States chuse such Ministers, as are more sensible of dewty, then of Ryfing, and such as love busines rather vponn conscience, then vponn bravery, and lett them discerne a busie nature, from a willing mind.

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men, hath a great taske: but that is euer good for the publike. But he that plots to bee the onely figure amongst Ciphers, is the decay of an whole age. Honour hath three things in it; *The* vantage ground to doe good; *The* approach to Kinges and principall persons; *And* the raising of a mans owne *Fortunes*. He that hath the best of these intentions when he aspireth, as an honest man; and that Prince that can discerne of these intentions in another that aspireth, is a wise Prince. Generally, let Princes and States chuse such ministers, as are more sensible of duty, then of rising; and such as loue businesse rather vpon conscience, then vpon brauery: and let them discerne a busie nature, from a willing minde.



²⁶ Able Men. *Strenuos, et Negotiis pares*, 'active men and men fit for business.'

²⁷ Plots. *Machinatur, ut Viros cordatos deprimat, et*, 'plots to depress wise men, and.'

²⁸ Decay. *Lueset Calamitas*, 'decay and misfortune.'

²⁹ Kinges. Omitted in the Latin.

³⁰ Discerne. *Dignoscere et distinguere*, 'discern and distinguish.'

³¹ That aspireth. *In Servis suis*, 'in his servants.'

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Men,²⁶ hath a great Taske ; but that is euer good for the Publique. But he that plots,²⁷ to be the onely Figure amongst Ciphars, is the decay²⁸ of an whole Age. *Honour* hath three Things in it : The Vantage Ground to doe good : The Approach to Kings,²⁹ and principall Persons : And the Raifing of a Mans owne Fortunes. He that hath the best of these Intentions, when he aspireth, is an Honest Man : And that Prince, that can discerne³⁰ of these Intentions, in Another that aspireth,³¹ is a wise Prince. Generally, let Princes and States,³² choose such Ministers, as are more sensible of Duty, then of Rising ; And such as loue³³ Businesse rather vpon Conscience,³⁴ then vpon Brauery : And let them Discerne³⁵ a Busie³⁶ Nature, from a Willing³⁷ Minde.



²⁶ States. Omitted in the Latin.

²⁸ Loue. *Amplectantur et ament*, 'embrace and love.'

³⁴ Conscience. *Conscientia bona*, 'good conscience.'

³⁵ Discerne. *Distinguant Principes cum iudicio*, 'let princes discern with judgment.'

³⁶ Busie. *Quæ sese omnibus Negotiis ingerunt*, 'which obtrude themselves into every business.'

³⁷ Willing. *Promptum seu alacrem*, 'ready or alert.'

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13. Of Riches.



Cannott call
Riches better
 then the bag-
 gage of *Vertue*
 (the Romaine word is
 better, *Impedimenta*) For
 as the *Baggage* is to an
 Army, so is *Riches* to ver-
 tue. It cannott bee spared,
 nor left behinde; but it
 hindereth the Marche, yea
 and the care of it some-
 tymes leeseth, or disturb-
 eth the victorie. Of great
Riches there is noe Reall
 vse, except it bee in the
 distribucion, the rest is
 but conceipt. So saieth
Solomon; *where much is,*
there are manie to consume
it, and what hath the
owner but the sight of it
with his eyes! The per-
 sonall good of anie Man
 cannot reach to feele them.
 There is a custody of great
Riches, or a power of
Dole, and Donatiue; or
 a fame of them, but
 noe solid vse to the

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21. Of Riches.



Cannot call
Riches better
 then the bag-
 gage of *Vertue*;
 the Romane word is
 better, *Impedimenta*; For
 as the baggage is to an
 Armie, so is riches to ver-
 tue: It cannot be spared,
 nor left behinde; but it
 hindreth the March, yea
 and the care of it some-
 times loseth or disturb-
 eth the victory. Of great
Riches there is no reall
 vse, except it bee in the
 distribution: the rest is
 but conceit. So faith
Salomon; *Where much is,*
there are many to consume
it, and what hath the
owner but the sight of it
with his eies? The per-
 sonall fruition in any man
 cannot reach to feele great
 riches; there is a custody
 of them; or a power of
Dole and donatiue of
 them; or a fame of them;
 but no solide vse to the

VI. Variations in posthumous Latin Edition of 1638.

¹ Better. *Cognomine magis proprio*, 'by a more proper name.'² It cannot . . . March, '*Necessariæ siquidem sunt, sed graves*, 'it is necessary but heavy.'

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34. Of Riches.



Cannot call
Riches better,¹
then the Bag-
gage of Vertue.

The *Roman* Word is better, *Impedimenta*. For as the Baggage is to an Army, so is *Riches* to Vertue. It cannot be spared, nor left behinde, but it hindreth the March;² Yea, and the care of it, sometimes, loseth³ or disturbeth the Victory: Of great *Riches*, there is no Reall Vse, except it be in the Distribution; The rest is but Conceit. So saith *Salomon*; *Where much is, there are Many to consume it; And what hath the Owner, but the Sight of it, with his Eyes?*⁴ The Personall Fruition in any Man, cannot reach to feele Great *Riches*.⁴ There is a Custody of them; Or a Power of Dole and Donatiue of them; Or a Fame⁵ of them; But no Solid Vse to the

¹ Eccles. v. 11.

² Loseth. Omitted in the Latin.

⁴ Personall Fruition . . . *Riches. Possessio Divitiarum nulla voluptate Dominum perfundit, quantum ad Sensum*: 'the possession of riches does not fill the owner with any pleasure as to sensation.'

⁵ Fame. *Fama, et Inflatio*, 'fame and puffing up.'

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Owner. Doe you not see what fayned prices are sett vppon little stones, and rarities, and what workes of ostentacion are vndertaken, because there might seeme to be some vse of great Riches? But then they may be of vse to buy Men out of Daungers, or troubles; as *Salomon* sayeth; *Riches are as a stronge-houlde, in the imaginacion, of the riche Man.* But this is excellently expresse, that it is in *imaginacion*, and not alwaies in *fact*. For certainly great Riches haue fould more men, then they haue bought out. Seeke not proud Riches, but such as thou mayest gett iustly, vse soberly, distribute chearefully and leave contentedly; yet haue no abstract, nor Frierly contempt of them, but distinguish as *Cicero* saith well of *Rabirius Posthumus*; *In studio rei amplificandæ, apparebat non auaritiæ prædam, sed instrumentum*

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owner. Doe you not see what fained prizes are set vpon little stones, and rarities, and what workes of ostentation are vndertaken, because there might seeme to be some vse of great riches? But then they may be of vse to buy men out of dangers or troubles: as *Salomon* saith; *Riches are as a strong hold in the imagination of the rich man.* But this is excellently expresse, that it is in *Imagination*; and not alwaies in *fact*. For certainly, great riches haue fold more men then they haue bought out. Seeke not proud Riches; but such as thou maiest get iustly; vse soberly, distribute cheerefully, and leaue contentedly. Yet haue no abstract, nor frierly contempt of them. But distinguish, as *Cicero* saith well of *Rabirius Posthumus*: *In studio rei amplificandæ, apparebat non auaritiæ prædam sed instrumentum*

⁶ Works of Ostentation. *Inania Opera, ad ostentationem meram*, 'vain works, merely for ostentation.'

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Owner. Doe you not see,
 what fained Prices, are
 set vpon little Stones, and
 Rarities? And what
 Works of Ostentation,⁶ are
 vndertaken, becaufe there
 might seeme to be, some
 Vse of great *Riches*? But
 then you will say, they may
 be of vse, to buy Men out
 of Dangers or Troubles.
 As *Salomon* saith; *Riches*
are as a strong Hold, in
the Imagination of the Rich
Man.^a But this is excel-
 lently expresse, that it is
 in *Imagination*, and not
 alwaies in *Fact*. For cer-
 tainly Great *Riches*, haue
 sold more Men, than they
 haue bought out. Seeke
 not Proud⁷ *Riches*, but such
 as thou maist get iustly,
 Vse soberly, Distribute
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 Abstract⁸ or Friarly⁹ Con-
 tempt of them. But distin-
 guish, as *Cicero* saith well
 of *Rabirius Posthumus*; *In*
studio rei amplificandæ, ap-
parebat, non Auaritæ Præ-
dam, sed Instrumentum

^a Prov. xviii. 11.

⁷ Proud. *Magnas*, 'great.'

⁸ Abstract. *A Seculo abstracti*, 'or a man removed from the world.'

⁹ Friarly. *Instar Monachi*, 'like a monk.'

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*bonitati quæri.*¹⁰ Beware. *Nec inhia*, 'nor gape after.'¹¹ Vniust Meanes. *Injusticiam et Scelera*, 'injustice and crimes.'¹² Husbandry. *Agriculturam, et Lucra Rustica*, 'husbandry and the profits of the country.'¹³ Greatest Audits. *Maximi Reditus, e Re Rustica*, 'the greatest revenues from husbandry.'

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Bonitati, quæri.^a Hearken also to *Salomon*, and beware¹⁰ of Hasty Gathering of *Riches*: *Qui festinat ad Diuitias, non erit infons.*^b The Poets faine that when *Plutus*, (which is *Riches*,) is sent from *Iupiter*, he limps, and goes slowly; But when he is sent from *Pluto*, he runnes, and is Swift of Foot. Meaning, that *Riches* gotten by Good Meanes, and Iust Labour, pace slowly; But when they come by the death of Others, (As by the Course of Inheritance, Testaments, and the like,) they come tumbling vpon a Man. But it mought be applied likewise to *Pluto*, taking him for the Deuill. For when *Riches* come from the Deuill, (as by Fraud, and Oppression, and vniust Meanes,¹¹) they come vpon Speed. The *Waies to enrich* are many, and most of them Foule. *Parfimony* is one of the best, and yet is not Innocent: For it with-holdeth Men, from Workes of Liberality, and Charity. The *Improuement of the Ground*, is the most Naturall Obtaining of *Riches*; For it is our Great Mothers Blessing, the Earths; But it is slow. And yet, where Men of great wealth, doe stoope to husbandry,¹² it multiplieth *Riches* exceedingly. I knew a Nobleman in *England*, that had the greatest Audits,¹³ of any Man in my Time: A Great Grafier, A Great Sheepe-Master, A Great Timber¹⁴ Man, A Great Colliar, A Great Corne-Master, A Great Lead-Man. and so of Iron, and a Number of the like Points of Husbandry. So as the Earth seemed a Sea to him, in respect of the Perpetuall Importation. It was truly obserued by One, that Himselfe came very hardly to a Little *Riches*, and very easily to Great *Riches*. For when a Mans Stocke is come to that, that he can expect the Prime of

^a This is spoken by Cicero of Caius Curius, the father of Rabirius Postumus. The passage [*Pro C. R. Postumo. 2.*] runs thus, *Ut in augenda re non avaritiæ prædam, sed instrumentum bonitati quærere videtur*, 'that he seemed in the increase of his property, not to seek a prey for his avarice but a means of doing good.'

^b Prov. xxviii. 20.

¹⁴ Timber. *Silvis, tam cædis quam grandioribus*, 'both underwood and timber.'

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¹⁵ Prime of Markets. *Nundinarum et Mercatum Opportunitates*, 'the opportunities of fairs and markets.'

¹⁶ Few Mens Money. *Quibus . . . perpauci admodum Homines apti sunt*, 'for which few men are ready.'

¹⁷ Younger. *Qui minus Pecunia abundant*, 'who have less money.'

¹⁸ Ordinary Trades and Vocations. *Professionibus*, 'businesses.'

¹⁹ Good and faire dealing. *Probitatem in Negotiando*, 'honesty in dealing.'

²⁰ Bargaines. *Contractibus majoribus*, 'greater bargains.'

²¹ Necessity. *Necessitates et Angustias*, 'necessities and straits.'

²² Broake by . . . to draw them on. *In Damnum Dominorum corrumpat*, 'corrupt, to the injury of their masters.'

²³ Cunningly. *Artificiose et vafre*, 'by artifices and cunning.'

²⁴ Crafty and Naught. *Merito damnandæ*, 'deservedly to be condemned.'

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Markets,¹⁵ and ouercome those Bargaines, which for their greatnesse are few Mens Money,¹⁶ and be Partner in the Industries of Younger¹⁷ Men, he cannot but encrease mainly. The *Gaines of Ordinary Trades and Vocations*,¹⁸ are honest; And furthered by two Things, chiefly: By Diligence; And By a good Name, for good and faire dealing.¹⁹ But the *Gaines of Bargaines*,²⁰ are of a more doubtfull Nature; When Men shall waite vpon Others Necessity,²¹ broake by Seruants and Instruments to draw them on,²² Put off Others cunningly²³ that would be better Chapmen, and the like Practises, which are Crafty and Naught.²⁴ As for the *Chopping of Bargaines*,²⁵ when a Man Buies, not to Hold, but to Sell ouer againe, that commonly Grindeth double, both vpon the Seller, and vpon the Buyer. *Sharings*, doe greatly *Enrich*, if the Hands²⁶ be well chofen, that are trusted. *Vfury* is the certaineft Meanes of Gaine, though one of the worst; As that, whereby a Man doth eatè his Bread; *In fudore vultûs alieni*.^a And besides, doth Plough²⁷ vpon Sundaies.²⁸ But yet Certaine though it be, it hath Flawes,²⁹ For that the Scriueners and Broakers, doe valew vnfound Men, to serue their owne Turne. The *Fortune*,³⁰ in being the First in an *Inuention*, or in a *Prinuiledge*, doth cause sometimes a wonderfull³¹ Ouergrowth³² in *Riches*; As it was with the first Sugar Man,³³ in the *Canaries*: Therefore, if a Man can play the true *Logician*, to haue as

^a *In the sweat of another's brow.*

²⁵ Chopping of Bargaines. *Emptiones*, 'purchases.'

²⁶ Hands. *Quibuscum Societas initur*, 'those with whom the partnership is entered into.'

²⁷ Plough. *Operari non cessat*, 'does not cease to work.'

²⁸ Sundaies. *Sabbatho*, 'the Sabbath.' [This is an early (1625) instance of the Sunday being called the 'Sabbath.' *Dies Sabbati* being our Saturday.]

²⁹ Flawes. *Rimis secretis*, 'secret flaws.'

³⁰ The Fortune. Omitted in the Latin.

³¹ Wonderfull. Omitted in the Latin.

³² Ouergrowth. *Inundationem*, 'overflow.'

³³ Sugar Man. *Sacchari excoctori*, 'sugar baker.'

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Neither trust thou much
others, that seeme to despise
them, For they despise
them, that despaire of
them, and none worse
when they come to them.
Be not penny-wise ; Riches
have winges, and some-
times they fly away of them-
selves, sometymes they
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³⁴ Often times : . . Pouerty. *Vix Fortunarum Dispendia vitabit*, 'will scarcely avoid the waste of his fortune.'

³⁵ Not restrained. *Lege nulla prohibentur*, 'forbidden by no law.'

³⁶ Great Meanes. *Viam sternunt facilem*, 'have an easy road.'

³⁷ Seruice. *Servitium Regum, aut Magnatum*, 'services of kings or great persons.'

³⁸ Though it be of the best Rise. *Dignitatem quandam habet*, 'has some dignity.'

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well Iudgement, as Inuention, he may do great Matters ; especially if the Times be fit. He that resteth vpon *Gaines Certaine*, shall hardly grow to great *Riches* : And he that puts all vpon *Aduentures*, doth often times breake, and come to Pouerty :³⁴ It is good therefore, to guard *Aduentures* with *Certainties*, that may vphold losses. *Monopolies*, and *Coemption* of *Wares* for *Refale*, where they are not restrained,³⁵ are great Meanes³⁶ to enrich ; especially, if the Partie haue intelligence, what Things are like to come into Request, and so store Himselfe before hand. *Riches* gotten by *Seruice*,³⁷ though it be of the best Rife,³⁸ yet when they are gotten by Flattery, Feeding³⁹ Humours, and other Seruile Conditions, they may be placed amongst the Worst. As for Fishing for *Testaments* and *Executorships* (as *Tacitus* saith of *Seneca* ; *Testamenta et Orbos, tanquam Indagine capi* ;^a) It is yet worse ; By how much Men submit themselues, to Meaner Persons, then in *Seruice*.

Beleeue not much them,
that seeme to despise
Riches : For they despise
them, that despaire of
them ; And none Worfe,⁴⁰
when they come to them.⁴¹
Benot Penny-wise ;⁴² *Riches*
haue Wings, and sometimes
they Fly away of them-
selues, sometimes they must
be set Flying to bring

^a He took testaments and wardships as with a net. *Tacitus. Annales.*
xiii. 42.

³⁹ Feeding. *Sese flectendo*, 'bending one's self to.'

⁴⁰ Worse. *Tenaciores*, 'more grasping.'

⁴¹ Come to them. *Ubi incipient ditescere*, 'when they begin to grow rich.'

⁴² Penny-wise. *In Minutiis tenax*, 'stingy in small things.'

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in more. Men leave their riches, either to their kindred, or to the publique, and moderate portions prosper best in both. A great State left to an heire, is as a lure to all the Birdes of pray rounde about, to feize on him, if he bee not the better established in yeares and Iudgement. Likewise glorious giftes and foundations are

but the painted Sepulchres of *Almes*, which soone will putrifie, and corrupt.

Therefore measure not thie advancementes by quantity, but frame them by measure; and deferre not Charities till Death; For certainly if a Man weight it rightly, he that doth soe, is rather liberall of another mans, then of his owne.

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but the painted Sepulchres of *Almes*, which soone wil putrifie and corrupt inwardly. Therefore measure not thy aduancementes by quantity, but frame them by measure; and deferre not charities till death: for certainly, if a man weigh it rightly, he that doth so is rather liberall of another mans, then of his owne.



⁴³ Men. *Moribundi*, 'men about to die.'

⁴⁴ Kindred. *Liberis, Cognatis, et Amicis*, 'children, relatives and friends.'

⁴⁵ Glorious. *Gloriosæ et splendidae*, 'glorious and splendid.'

⁴⁶ Gifts. Omitted in the Latin.

⁴⁷ Foundations. *Fundationes . . . in usus publicos*, 'foundations for the public good.'

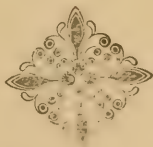
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but the *Painted*⁴⁸ *Sepulchres of Almes*, which soone will putrifie, and corrupt inwardly. Therefore, Measure not thine Advancements⁴⁹ by Quantity,⁵⁰ but Frame⁵¹ them by Measure; And Deferre not Charities⁵² till Death: For certainly, if a Man weigh it rightly, he that doth so, is rather Liberall of⁵³ an Other Mans, then of his Owne.



⁴³ Painted. *Dealbata*, 'whitened.'

⁴⁴ Advancements. *Dona*, 'gifts.'

⁵⁰ Quantity. *Magnitudine* . . . *sed Commoditate*, 'by their size, but by their use.'

⁵¹ But frame. *Et ad debitam Mensuram redigas*, 'and reduce them to a proper measure.'

⁵² Charities. *Opera Charitatis*, 'works of charity.'

⁵³ Liberall of. *Donat*, 'presents.'

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17. Of Dispatch.



Affected dispatch is one of the most dangerous thinges to businesse that can be. It is like that which the *Physitians* call pre-digestion, or hastie digestion, which is sure to fill the body full of Crudities, and secret feedes of diseases. Therefore measure not dispatch by the tymes of sitting, but by the advauncement of the busines.

It is the care of some onely to Come of speedily for the tyme, or to contrive some false periodes of businesse, because they may seeme men of dispatch. But it is one thing to make shorte by contracting, another by cutting off. And busines so handled by peeces is com-

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11. Of Dispatch.



Affected dispatch is one of the most dangerous thinges to businesse that can be. It is like that which the *Physitians* call pre-digestion, or hasty digestion, which is sure to fill the bodie full of crudities and secret feedes of diseases. Therefore measure not dispatch by the times of sitting, but by the aduancement of the businesse.

It is the care of some onely to come of speedily for the time, or to contrive some false periods of businesse, because they may seeme men of dispatch. But it is one thinge to make short by contracting; an other by cutting off: and businesse so handled by peeces, is com-

VII. Variations in posthumous Latin Edition of 1638.

¹ TITLE. *De Expediendis Negotiis*, 'of the despatch of business.'² Affected Dispatch. *Celeritas nimia et affectata*, 'excessive and affected speed.'³ Crudities. *Humoribus crudis*, 'crude humours.'⁴ Dispatch *Negotiorum Expeditionem*, 'the despatch of business.'

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25. Of Dispatch.¹

*Affect*ed Dispatch,² is one of the most dangerous things to Buſineſſe that can be. It is like that, which the Phyſicians call *Predigeſtion*, or *Hoſty Digefſion*; which is ſure to fill the Body, full of Cru-
dities,³ and ſecret Seeds of Diſeaſes. Therefore, mea-
ſure not *Diſpatch*,⁴ by the Times of Sitting, but by the Advancement of the Buſineſſe. And as in Races, it is not the large Stride, or High Lift, that makes the Speed :⁵ So in Buſineſſe, the Keeping cloſe to the matter, and not Taking of it too much at once, procureth *Diſpatch*.⁶
It is the Care of Some, onely to come off⁷ ſpeedily, for the time; Or to contriue ſome falſe Periods of Buſineſſe, becauſe they may ſeeme *Men of Diſpatch*.⁸ But it is one Thing, to Abbreviate⁹ by Contracting,¹⁰ Another by Cutting off: And Buſineſſe ſo handled at ſeverall Sitzings

⁵ *After Speed. Sed in Motu corundem humilior, et æquali;* 'but a lower and more even movement of the feet.'

⁶ Dispatch. *Celeritatem in conficiendo*, 'speed in completion.'

⁷ Come off. *Multum confeciſſe videantur*; 'to ſeem to have done much.'

⁸ Of diſpatch. *Acres in Negotiis*, 'quick in buſineſſe.'

⁹ Abbreviate. *Tempori parcere*, 'to ſpare time.'

¹⁰ Contracting. *Negotium contrahendo*, 'contracting the buſineſſe.'

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monly protracted in the whole.

I knewe a Wife Man had it for a bye-word when he sawe Men hasten to a Conclusion; *Stay a little that wee Maie make an end the sooner.*

On the either side true dispatch is a rich thing: For tyme is the measure of businesse, as money is of wares. And busines is bought at a deare hand, where there is smale dispatch.

Give good hearing to those, that give the first information in busines, and rather direct them in the beginning, then interrupt them in the continuance of their speeches, For he that is putt out of his owne order, will goe forward, and backwardes, and be more tedious by parcells,

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monly protracted in the hole.

I knew a wife man had it for a bie=word, when hee saw men hasten to a conclusion; *Stay a little that wee may make an end the sooner.*

On the other side, true dispatch is a rich thing: For time is the measure of businesse, as money is of wares: and businesse is bought at a deare hand when there is small dispatch.

Giue good hearing to those that giue the first information in businesse; and rather direct them in the beginning, then interrupt them in the continuance of their speeches: For he that is put out of his owne order, will goe forward, and backwardes, and be more tedious by parcells,

¹¹ Men hasten to a conclusion. *Festinationem nimiam*, 'too much haste.'

¹² True Dispatch. *Vera Celeritas, in expediendis Negotiis*, 'true swiftness in despatching business.'

¹³ Small dispatch. *Nimia protractio*, 'too much time spent.'

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or Meetings, goeth commonly backward and forward, in an vnsteady Manner.

I knew a *Wise Man*, that had it for a By-word, when he saw Men hasten to a conclusion;¹¹ *Stay a little, that we may make an End the sooner.*

On the other side, *True Dispatch*¹² is a rich Thing. For Time is the measure of Businesse, as Money is of Wares: And Businesse is bought at a deare Hand, where there is small *dispatch*.¹³ The *Spartans*, and *Spaniards*, haue been to be noted of Small *dispatch*;¹⁴ *Mi venga la Muerte de Spagna; Let my Death come from Spaine*; For then it will be sure to be long in comming.

Giue good Hearing to those that giue the first Information in Businesse¹⁵; And rather direct them in the beginning, then interrupt them in the continuance of their Speeches: for he that is put out of his owne¹⁶ Order, will goe forward and backward, and be more tedious while he waits vpon his Memory, then

¹⁴ Small dispatch. *Tarditatis*, 'slowness.'

¹⁵ Those that giue . . . in Businesse. *Quibus prima in Informatione Negotii, partes demandatae sunt*: 'to whom the first part in giuing information about business is intrusted.'

¹⁶ His owne. *Quem sibi prestituit*, 'which he fixed for himself.'

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then he could have bene at once. But sometymes it is feene that the Moderatour, is more troublefome, then the Actor.

Iterations are commonly losse of tyme; but there is no such gaine of tyme, as to iterate often the state of the question; for it chafeth away manie a frivolous speach, as it is Comming foorth. Long and curious speaches are as fitt for dispatche, as a Robe or Mantell with a long trayne, is for race. Prefaces and passages, and excusacions, and other speaches of reference to the person, are great wastes of tyme, and thoughe they seeme to proceede of modestie, they are bravery. Yet beware of being to materiall, when there is any impediment, or obstruction in Mens wills; For preoccupation ever requireth preface; like a fomentacion to make the vnguent enter.

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Iterations are commonly losse of time; but there is no such gaine of time, as to iterate often the state of the question. For it chafeth away many a frivolous speech, as it is coming forth. Long and curious speeches are as fit for dispatch, as a Robe or Mantle with a long traine, is for race. Prefaces, and passages, and excusations, and other speeches of reference to the person, are great wastes of time, and though they seeme to proceede of modesty, they are bravery. Yet beware of being too materiall, when there is any impediment, or obstruction in mens will. For preoccupation euer requireth preface. like a fomentation to make the vnguent enter.

¹⁷ Actor. *Oratorem*, 'speaker.'

¹⁸ Friuolous. *Prorsus abs re*, 'altogether away from the subject.'

¹⁹ Robe or Mantle, &c. *Toga prælonga, Terram verrens*, 'a robe too long, sweeping the ground.'

²⁰ Passages. *Transitiones bella*, 'pretty transitions.'

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he could haue been, if he had gone on, in his owne course. But sometimes it is seene, that the Moderator is more troublesome, then the Actor.¹⁷

Iterations are commonly losse of Time: But there is no such Gaine of Time, as to *iterate* often the *State* of the *Question*: For it chafeth away many a Frivolous¹⁸ Speech, as it is coming forth. Long and Curious Speeches, are as fit for *Dispatch*, as a Robe or Mantle¹⁹ with a long Train, is for Race. Prefaces, and Passages,²⁰ and Excusations, and other Speeches of Reference to the Person,²¹ are great waists of Time; And though they seeme to proceed of Modesty, they are Brauery.²² Yet beware of being too Materiall,²³ when there is any Impediment or Obstruction in Mens Wils; For Pre-occupation of Minde, euer requireth preface of Speech; Like a Fomentation²⁴ to make the vnguent enter.

²¹ Person. *Personam loquentis*, 'the person of the speaker.'

²² Brauery. *Gloriolæ captatrices*, 'to catch a little glory.'

²³ Too materiall. *Ne in rem ipsam, ab initio, descendas*, 'of going too deep into the matter, from the beginning.'

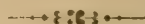
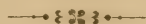
²⁴ Fomentation. *Fomentationis ante unguentum*, 'fomentation before an unguent.'

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Above all thinges order, and distribucion is the life of dispatche, so as the distribucion be not too subtil. Ffor he that doth not devide, will never enter well into businesse; and he that devideth too much, will never come out of it clearely. To chuse tyme is to save tyme, and an vnseasonable mocion is but beating the ayre. There be 3 partes of businesse, the preparacion; the debate, or examinacion; and the perfeccion; Whereof, yf you lookefordispatche, lett the midle onely be the worke of Many, and the first and last the worke of few. The proceeding vponn somewhat conceived in writing doth for the most part facilitate dispatch; Forthoughe it should be whollie reiected, yet that Negative is more pregnant of a direccion, then an indefinite, as ashes are more generative then dust.

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Above all things, order and distribution is the life of dispatch: so as the distribution be not too subtil: For he that doth not diuide, will neuer enter well into businesse; and he that diuideth too much will neuer come out of it clearely. To chuse time, is to saue time, and an vnseasonable motion is but beating the aire. There bee three parts of businesse; the preparation, the debate, or examination, and the perfection. Whereof if you looke for dispatch, let the midle onely be the worke of many, and the first and last the worke of few. The proceeding vpon somewhat conceiued in writing, doth for the most part facilitate dispatch: For though it should bee wholly reiected, yet that Negative is more pregnant of a direction, then an indefinite; as ashes are more generatiue then dust.



²⁵ Neuer . . . clearly. *Vix*, 'hardly.'

²⁶ After Beating the Ayre. *Et tempore abuti*, 'and wasting time.'

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Above all things, *Order*, and *Distribution*, and *Singling* out of *Parts*, is the life of *Dispatch*; So as the *Distribution* be not too subtil: For he that doth not diuide, will neuer enter well into *Businesse*; And he that diuideth too much, will neuer come out of it clearly.²⁵ To choofe *Time*, is to saue *Time*; And an *Vnseasonable Motion* is but *Beating* the *Ayre*.²⁶ There be three *Parts* of *Businesse*: The *Preparation*; The *Debate*, or *Examination*; And the *Perfection*. Whereof, if you looke for *Dispatch*, let the *Middle* onely be the *Worke* of *Many*, and the *First* and *Last* the *Worke* of *Few*. The *Proceeding*²⁷ vpon somewhat conceiued in *Writing*, doth for the most part facilitate *Dispatch*: For though it should be wholly reiected, yet that *Negative* is more pregnant of *Direction*,²⁸ then an *Indefinite*; As *Ashes* are more *Generative* then *Dust*.



²⁷ *Proceeding*. *Precedendi in Negotiis, initium sumere*, 'to commence the proceedings in business.'

²⁸ *Direction*. *Ad Consilia educenda*, 'in bringing out counsel.'

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18. Of Deformity.



Deformed persons are commonly even with nature, For as Nature hath done ill by them, so doe they by nature, being for the most part, (as the Scripture saith) voyd of naturall affection, and so they have their revenge of nature; Certainly there is a consent betweene the body, and the minde, and wher nature erreth in the one, she ventureth in th'other; *Vbi peccat in vno, periclitatur in altero.* But because there is in Man an election touching the frame of his Minde, and a necessity in the frame of his body the Starres of naturall inclinacions, are sometymes obscured by the sun of discipline and vertue; Therefore it is good to consider of deformity not as a signe which is more deceiveable,

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25. Of Deformity.



Deformed persons are commonly even with nature: for as Nature hath done ill by them, so doe they by nature, being for the most part (as the Scripture saith) void of naturall affection; and so they haue their reuenge of nature. Certainlie, there is a consent betweene the body and the minde, and where Nature erreth in the one; she ventureth in the other. *Vbi peccat in vno periclitatur in altero.* But because there is in man an election touching the frame of his minde, and a necessitie in the frame of his body; the starres of naturall inclination, are sometimes obscured by the sunne of discipline and vertue. Therefore it is good to consider of deformity, not as a signe, which is more deceiueable;

XX. Variations in posthumous Latin Edition of 1633.

¹ Are even with *Ulciscuntur*, 'revenge themselves upon.'² Done ill. *Minus profuit*, 'was less favourable to.'

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44. Of Deformity.



Deformed Persons
 are commonly
 even with¹ Na-
 ture : For as Na-
 ture hath done ill² by them ;
 So doe they by³ Nature :
 Being for the most part,
 (as the Scripture saith)
void of Naturall Affection;^a
 And so they haue their
 Reuenge of Nature.⁴ Cer-
 tainly there is a Consent
 between the Body and the
 Minde ; And where Na-
 ture erreth in the One, she
 ventureth in the Other.
Vbi peccat in vno, periclita-
tur in altero. But because,
 there is in Man, an Elec-
 tion touching the Frame
 of his Minde, and a Ne-
 cessity in the Frame of his
 Body, the Starres of Na-
 turall Inclination, are
 sometimes obscured, by the
 Sun of Discipline, and
 Vertue. Therefore, it is
 good to consider of *De-*
formity, not as a Signe,
 which is more Deceivable ;

^a Rom. i. 31.³ Doe . . by. *Aduersi*, 'are opposed to.'⁴ And so they haue their Reuenge of Nature. Omitted in the Latin.

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but as a cause which seldom faileth of th'effect. Whosoever hath anie thing fixed in his person, that doth induce contempt, hath also a perpetuall spurre in himself to rescue, and deliver himself from scorne. Therefore all deformed persons are extreame bold, First as in their owne defence, as being exposed to scorne, but in proceſſe of tyme, by a generall habitt. Also it stirreth in them Industrie, and specially of this kind to watch, and observe the weakenesses of others, that they may have somewhat to repay. Again in their Superiours it quencheth Iealousie towards them, as persons that they thinke they may at pleasure despise, and it layeth their Competitors and æmulatours asleepe, as never beleeving they should be in possibility of advancement, till they see them in posses-

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but as a cause, which seldom faileth of the effect. Whosoever hath any thing fixed in his person, that doth induce contempt; hath also a perpetuall spurre in himselfe, to rescue and deliver himself from scorne. Therefore all deformed persons are extreme bold: first, as in their owne defence, as being exposed to scorne; but in proceſſe of time, by a generall habite. Also, it stirreth in them industrie, and specially of this kinde, to watch and observe the weaknesse of others, that they may have somewhat to repay. Again in their superiours, it quencheth ielousie towards them, as persons that they thinke they may at pleasure despise; and it layeth their competitors and emulators asleepe: as neuer beleevung they should bee in possibility of advancement, till they see them in posses-

⁵ Rescue. Omitted in the Latin.

⁶ Generall. *Acquisitio*, 'acquired'

⁷ Obserue. Omitted in the Latin.

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But as a Cause, which fel-
dome faileth of the Effect.
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doth enduce Contempt,
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from Scorne: Therefore
all *Deformed Persons* are
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in their own Defence, as
being exposed to Scorn;
But in Proesse of Time,
by a Generall⁶ Habit.
Also it stirreth in them In-
dustry, and especially of
this kinde, to watch and
obserue⁷ the Weaknesse⁸ of
Others, that they may haue
somewhat to repay. Againe,
in their Superiours, it
quencheth Iealousie⁹ to-
wards them, as Persons
that they think they may
at pleasure despise: And
it layeth their Competi-
tours and Emulatours af-
leepe; As neuer beleeuing,¹⁰
they should be in possi-
bility of aduancement,¹¹ till
they see them in Posses-

⁵ Weaknesse. *Defectus et Infirmitates*, 'defects and weaknesses.'

⁹ Iealousie. *Suspiciones et Zelotypiam*, 'suspicions and jealousy.'

¹⁰ Beleeuing. *Suspicientes*, 'suspecting.'

¹¹ After aduancement. *Ad honores* 'to honours.'

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fion. Soe that vponn the wholematter in a great Witt deformitye is an advantage to ryfing. Kinges in aun- cient tymes, and at this present in some Countryes, were wont to putt great trust in *Eunuches*, be- cause they that are en- vyous towards all, are more obnoxious and of- ficious towards one. But yet theire trust towards them hath rather beene as to good spyalls, and good Whispermers, then good Magistrates and offi- cers. And much like is the reason of deformed persons. Still the grounde is, they will if they be of spiritt seeke to free them- selves from skorne, which must be either by vertue, or malice; and therefore they prove either the best of Men, or the worst, or strangely mixed.

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¹² After Possession. *Honorum*, of honours.'

¹³ Obnoxious. *Obnoxii*, 'submissive.'

¹⁴ Ground. *Regula, quam antea posuimus*, 'the rule, which we have before laid down.'

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 is, they will, if they be of
 Spirit, seeke to free them-
 selues from Scorne;¹⁵ Which
 must be, either by Vertue,
 or Malice: And therefore,
 let it not be Maruelled, if
 sometimes they proue Excellent Persons; As was
Agefilaus, Zanger the Sonne of *Solyman*, *Æsepe*, *Gasca*
 Prefident of *Peru*; And *Socrates* may goe likewise
 amongst them; with Others.



¹⁵ Scorne. *Derisu et Ignominia*, 'scorn and ignominy.'

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19. Of Young Men and Age.



Man that is yong
in yeares maie
be old in
howers, if he
have lost noe tyme; but
that happeneth rarely.
Generally youth is like the
first Cogitations not so wise,
as the second; For there
is a youth in thoughtes as
well as in Ages.

Natures that have much
heate, and great and violent
desiers, and perturbacions,
are not ripe for accion, till
they have passed the Meri-
dian of their yeares;

but repofed Natures may
doe well in youth,

as on thother fide heate
and vivacity in age is an

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23. Of Young Men and Age.



Man that is young
in yeeres, may
bee old in
houres; if he
haue lost no time. But
that happeneth rarely.
Generally youth is like the
first cogitations, not so wise
as the second: For there
is a youth in thoughts, af-
well as in ages.

Natures that haue much
heat, and great and violent
desires and perturbations,
are not ripe for action, till
they haue passed the meri-
dian of their yeeres;

but repofed natures may
doe well in youth:

as on the other fide heate
and viuacity in age is an

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¹ TITLE. *De Iuventute et Senectute*, 'of youth and age.'

² Great. Omitted in the Latin.

³ Perturbations. *Perturbationibus, huc illuc impelluntur*, 'are driven
either and thither by perturbations.'

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42. Of Youth and Age.¹

Man that is *Young*
in yeares, may
 be Old in
 Houres, if he
 haue lost no Time. But
 that happeneth rarely.
 Generally, *youth* is like the
 first Cogitations, not so Wise
 as the Second. For there
 is a *youth* in thoughts as
 well as in Ages. And yet the Inuention of *Young*
Men, is more liuely, then that of Old: And Imagi-
 nations streame into their Mindes better, and, as it
 were, more Diuinely.
 Natures that haue much
 Heat, and great² and violent
 desires and Perturbations,³
 are not ripe for Action, till
 they haue passed the Meri-
 dian of their yeares: As it was with *Iulius Cæsar*, and
Septimius Seuerus. Of the latter of whom, it is said;
Iuuentutem egit, Erroribus, imo Furoribus, plenam.^a And
 yet he was the Ablest⁴ Emperour, almost, of all the List.
 But Reposed⁵ Natures may
 doe well⁶ in *Youth*. As it is seene, in *Augustus Cæsar*,
Cosmus Duke of Florence, *Gaston de Foix*, and others.
 On the other side, Heate
 and Viuacity in *Age*, is an

^a *He spent a youth full of errors, and even of furies.* Æ. Spartianus, *Vita Septimi Severi*. 2.

⁴ Ablest. *Celeberrimus*, 'most famous.'

⁵ Reposed. *Sedata et composita*, 'settled and composed.'

⁶ Doe well. *Florere*, 'flourish.'

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excellent Composition for busines. *Yonge* Men are fitter to invent, then to iudge, fitter for execution, then for Councell, and fitter for new proiectes, then for settled businesse, for the experience of Age in thinges that fall within the Compasse of it, directeth them, but in thinges meerely new abuseth them. The errors of yong Men are the ruine of busines, but the errors of aged Men amount but to this, that more mought have beene done, or sooner. *Yonge* men in the Conduct and manage of accions embrace more then they can hold; stirre more then they can quiett; fflye to th'end without consideration of the meanes, and degrees; pursue some few Principles, which they have chaunced vponn absurdly; Care not to innouate, which drawes vnknowne inconveniences; vse extreame remedies at first; and that which dowbleth all errors, will

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⁷ Pursue. *Absurde persequuntur*, 'pursue absurdly.'

⁸ Absurdly. Omitted in the Latin.

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 doubleth all Errours, will

⁹ Care not to Innouate, which draws vnknowne Inconueniences. Omitted in the Latin, [This is evidently misplaced, and is an error of Age.]

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not acknowledge nor retract them, like an vnready horſe that will neither ſtopp nor tourne. Men of age obieſt to much, conſult to long, adventure to litle, repent to ſoone, and ſeldome drive buſineſſe home to the full period, but content themſelves with a mediocrity of ſucceſſe. Certainly, it is good to compound imploymentes of both. For that will bee good for the preſent, becauſe the virtues of either age may correct the defectes of both, and good for ſucceſſion, that yong Men may be Learners, while Men in age are Actours; and laſtly in reſpect of externe accidentes, becauſe authority followeth old Men, and favour, and popularity *youth*. But for the morall part, perhappes youth will have the preheminnence, as Age hath for the politique. A certaine *Rab-*

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not acknowledge nor retract them; like an vnready horſe, that wil neither ſtop nor turne. Men of age obieſt too much, conſulte too long, aduventure too little, repent too ſoone, and ſeldome driue buſineſſe home to the full period; but content themſelues with a mediocrity of ſucceſſe. Certainly it is good to compound imployments of both: for that will bee good for the preſent; becauſe the virtues of either age may correct the defectes of both: and good for ſucceſſion, that young men may bee learners, while men in age are Actors: and laſtly, in reſpect of externe accidentes, becauſe authority followeth old men, and fauour and popularity *youth*. But for the morall part: perhaps youth will haue the preheminnence, as age hath for the politike. A certaine *Rab-*

¹⁰ Adventure too little. *Pericula plusquam expedit reformidant*, 'fear dangers more than is expedient.'

¹¹ Repent too ſoone. *Pœnitentia præproperea vacillant*, 'waver with too haſty repentance.'

¹² Good. *Bonum in Negotiis*, 'good in buſineſſe.'

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not acknowledge or retract them; Like an vnready Horse, that will neither Stop, nor Turne. *Men of Age*, Obiect too much, Consult too long, Aduenture too little,¹⁰ Repent too soone,¹¹ and seldome driue Businesse home to the full Period; But content themselves with a Mediocrity of Successe. Certainly, it is good to compound Employments of both; For that will be Good¹² for the *Present*, because the Vertues of either *Age*, may correct the defects of both:¹³ And good for Succession,¹⁴ that *Young Men* may be Learners, while *Men in Age* are Actours:¹⁵ And lastly, Good for *Externe Accidents*, because Authority followeth¹⁶ *Old Men*, And Fauour and Popularity *Youth*. But for the Morall Part, perhaps *Youth* will haue the preheminance, as *Age* hath for the Politique. A certaine *Rab-*

¹⁰ Both. *Et Senum, et Iuuenum*, 'both of old and young men.'

¹¹ Succession. *Futuro*, 'for the future.'

¹² Are Actours. *Moderentur*, 'govern.'

¹⁶ Followeth. *Senes Auctoritate, Iuuenes Gratia et Popularitate, potent*, 'old men are strong in authority young men in favour and popularity.'

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by vponn the Text, *your young Men shall see visions, and your old Men shall dreame Dreames*, inferreth that young Men are admitted nearer to God, then Old, because a Vision is a clearer revelation, then a dreame. And certainly the more a Man drinketh of the world, the more it intoxicateth, and age doth profit rather in the powers of the vnderstanding, then in the vertues of the will, and affections.



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¹⁷ Clearer. *Clarius et manifestior*, 'clearer and more manifest.'

¹⁸ Yeares. *Juventute*, 'youth.'

¹⁹ Fadeth betimes. *Sed currentibus annis cito marcescunt; et deveniunt evanidi*, 'but as years pass on, soon wither and become weak.'

²⁰ Becomes. *In Juvene laudatur*, 'is praised in a young man.'

²¹ Tract of yearès. *Ætas provecior*, 'more advanced age.'

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bine, vpon the Text ; *Your Young Men shall see visions, and your Old Men shall dreamedreames*;^a Inferreth, that *Young Men* are admitted nearer to God then *Old* ; Because *Vision* is a clearer¹⁷ Reuelation, then a *Dreame*. And certainly, the more a Man drinketh of the World, the more it intoxicateth ; And *Aged* doth profit rather in the Powers of Vnderstanding, then in the Vertues of the Will and Affections. There be some haue an Ouer-early Ripenesse in their yeares,¹⁸ which fadeth betimes :¹⁹ These are first, Such as haue Brittle Wits, the Edge whereof is soone turned ; Such as was *Hermogenes* the *Rhetorician*, whose Books are exceeding Subtill ; Who afterwards waxed Stupid. A Second Sort is of those, that haue some naturall dispositions, which haue better Grace in *Youth*, then in *Age* : Such as is a fluent and Luxuriant Speech ; which becomes²⁰ *Youth* well, but not *Age* : So *Tully* saith of *Hortentius* ; *Idem manebat, neque idem decebat*.^b The third is of such, as take too high a Straine at the First ; And are Magnanimous, more then Tract of yeares²¹ can vphold. As was *Scipio Affricanus*, of whom *Liuy*^c saith in effect ; *Vltima primis cedebant*.^d



^a Joel. ii. 28.

^b He remained the same, but it did not equally become him. Cic. *Brutus*. 95.

^c Livy. xxxviii. 53.

^d The last things fell short of the first. Ovid. *Heroides*. ix. 23. 24.

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22. Of Marriage and Single Life.



HE that hath wife, and children, hath given hostages to fortune; for they are impedimentes to great enterprizes, either of vertue, or of mischeif. Certainly the best workes, and of greatest merit for the publike, haue proceeded from vnmarried, or childlesse Men which haue fought eternity in Memory and not in Posteritye, and which both in affection and meanes haue married, and endowed the publike.

Yet some there are that
leade a single
life whose thoughtes
doe end with themselves,

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5. Of Marriage and single life.



HE that hath wife and children, hath giuen hostages to fortune. For they are impediments to great enterprises, either of vertue or mischief. Certainly the best works, and of greatest merit; for the publike haue proceeded from the vnmarried, or childlesse men; which haue fought eternity in memory, and not in posterity; and which both in affection and means, haue married and endowed the publike.

Yet some there are, that
lead a single
life whose thoughtes
doe ende with themselues,

VI. Variations in posthumous Latin Edition of 1633.

¹ Either of Vertue. *Sive ad Virtutem tendat quis*, 'whether a man inclines to virtue.'

² Best workes. (*Ut alibi diximus*) 'as we have said elsewhere.' [This clause was added to the Latin version in 1625. It probably refers to the passage added in the last English edition of the next Essay, see p. 273. Mr W. A. Wright quotes also the following like passage from *In felicem memoriam Elizabethæ*, translated in the *Resuscitatio*, p. 186, Ed. 1657. "Childlesse she was, and left no Issue behind Her; which was the Case of many, of the most fortunate Princes; Alexander the Great, Julius Cæsar, Trajan, and

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8. Of Marriage and Single Life.

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and *Children*,
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ed from the *vnmarried*,³
or *Childlesse Men*; which,

both in Affection, and
Meanes, haue married and
endowed the Publike.

Yet it were great Reason, that those that haue *Children*, should haue greatest care of future times; vnto which, they know, they must transmit, their dearest pledges.

Some there are, who
though they lead a *Single*
Life,⁴ yet their Thoughts
doe end with themselves,

others. And this is a Case, that hath been often controverted, and argued, on both sides; Whilst some hold, the *want* of *Children*, to be a *Diminution*, of our *Happinesse*; As if it should be an Estate, more then Human, to be happy, both in our own *Persons*, and in our *Descendants*: But others, do account, the *want* of *Children*, as an *Addition* to *Earthly Happinesse*; In as much, as that *Happinesse*, may be said, to be compleat, over which *Fortune* hath no Power, when we are gone: Which, if we leaue *Children*, cannot be.^{5]}

³ Vnmarried. Omitted in the Latin.

⁴ After Single Life. *Tamen Memoria suæ incuriosi sunt*, 'yet are careless of their memory.'

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and doe accompt future
tymes impertinencies, Nay
there are some other that
esteeme wife, and children
but as Bills of Charges;

but the most ordinary cause
of a single life is libertye,
specially in certaine self
pleasing, and humorous
mindes, which are so
sensible of every restriction,
as they will goe neere to
thinke their Girdles, and
garters to be bondes and
shackles. Vnmarried Men
are best Friends, best
Masters, best Seruauntes,
not alwaies best Subiectes,
for they are light to run
away, and almost all Fugi-
tives are of that condicion.
A single life is proper for
Church Men; For Charity
will hardlie water the
grounde where it must first
fill a Poole; it is indiffer-
ent for Iudges, and Magis-

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away; and almost all fugi-
tives are of that condition.
A single life is proper for
Churchmen. For charity
wil hardly water the
ground, where it must first
fill a poole. It is indiffer-
ent for Iudges and Magis-

⁵ Rich couetous. *Avari*, 'avaricious.'

⁶ Humorous. *Phantasticis*, 'fantastic.'

⁷ Light. *Expediti*, 'unencumbered.'

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and account future Times, Impertinences. Nay there are some other, that account *Wife* and *Children*, but as Bills of Charges.

Nay more, there are some foolish rich covetous⁵ Men, that take a pride in having no *Children*, because they may be thought, so much the richer. For perhaps, they have heard some talke; *Such an one is a great rich Man*; And another except to it; *Yea, but he hath a great charge of Children*: As if it were an Abatement to his Riches.

But the most ordinary cause of a *Single Life*, is Liberty; especially, in certaine Selfe-pleasing, and humorous⁶ Mindes, which are so sensible of every restraint, as they will goe neare, to thinke their Girdles, and Garters, to be Bonds and Shackles. *Unmarried Men* are best Friends; best Masters; best Servants; but not alwayes best Subjects; For they are light⁷ to runne away; And almost all Fugitives are of that Condition. A *Single Life* doth well with Church men:⁸ For Charity⁹ will hardly water the Ground, where it must first fill a Poole.¹⁰ It is indifferent for Iudges and Magif-

⁵ Church men. *Ecclesiasticis*, 'clergymen.'

⁶ Charity. *Quis*, 'any one.'

¹⁰ Poole. *Si prius Stagni alicujus Receptaculum interveniat*, 'if a reservoir of water is interposed.'

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trates; for if they be facile, and corrupt, you shall have a Seruaunte five tyme[s w]orfe then a Wife. For Souldiours I finde the [genera]lls commonlye in their hortatives putt Men in [minde] of their wives, and Children, and I thinke the [despising] of Marriage amongst the Turkes maketh [the vulg]ar Souldior more base. Certainly wife, [and chi]ldren are a kind of discipline of humanity [and si]ngle men

are more cruell, and hard hearted [go]od to make feure Inquisitours.

Grave Natures led by Custome, and therefore constant are commonly loving husbandes, as was said of *Vlisses, vetulam prætulit immortalitati*. Chaste Women are often proud, and froward as presuming vpon the meritt of their Chastitye. It is one of the best bandes both of Chastitye

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trates. For if they be facile and corrupt, you shall haue a seruant five times worfe then a wife. For Souldiers, I find the Generals commonly in their hortatiues, put men in minde of their wiues, and children: and I thinke the despising of marriage, amongst the Turkes, maketh the vulgar Souldier more base. Certainly, wife and children are a kinde of discipline of humanity: and single men

are more cruell and hard-hearted: good to make feure inquisitors.

Graue natures led by custome, and therefore constant, are commonly louing husbandes: as was said of *Vlisses; Vetulam prætulit immortalitati*. Chaste women are often proud and froward, as presuming vpon the merit of their chastity. It is one of the best bonds both of chastity

¹¹ Worse. *Ad hujusmodi Lucra captanda*, 'at getting gain of this kind.'

¹² Wiues and Children. *Charitates Vxorū et Liberorum*, 'the love of their wives and children.'

¹³ Charitable. *Munifici et charitativi*, 'munificent and charitable.'

¹⁴ Hard hearted. *Sine visceribus*, 'without bowels.'

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trates : For if they be facile, and corrupt, you shall haue a Seruant, fūe times worse¹¹ than a *Wife*. For Souldiers, I finde the Generalls commonly in their Hortatiues, put Men in minde of their *Wiues and Children*.¹² And I thinke the Despising of *Marriage*, amongst the Turkes, maketh the vulgar souldier more base. Certainly, *Wife and Children*, are a kinde of Discipline of Humanity : And *single Men*, though they be many times more Charitable,¹³ because their Meanes are lesse exhaust ; yet, on the other side, they are more cruell, and hard hearted,¹⁴ (good to make seuerer Inquisitors) because their Tenderneffe,¹⁵ is not so oft called vpon.¹⁶

Graue Natures, led by Custome, and therefore constant, are commonly louing *Husbands* ; As was said of *Vlysses* ; *Vetulam suam prætulit Immortalitati*.^a Chast Women are often Proud, and froward, as Presuming vpon the merit of their Chastity. It is one of the best Bonds, both of Chastity

^a He preferred his little old woman to immortality. [i.e. to Circe.] Cic. *De Oratore*. i. 44.

¹⁵ Tenderneffe. *Indulgentia et Teneritudo Affectuum*, 'indulgence and tenderness of the affections.'

¹⁶ Called vpon. *Evocatur, et excitatur*, 'called out and roused up.'

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and obedience in the wife, if shee thinke her husband wise, which shee will never doe, if shee finde him iealous. Wives are younge mens mistresses, Companions to men of midle age, and old Mens Nurfes. So as a Man may have a quarrell to marrye when he will, but yet he was reputed one of the Wise Men, that made aunswere to the question *When a Man should marrie,* A younger Man not yet, an elder Man not at all.



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¹⁷ Quarrell. *Ansa*, 'handle.'

¹⁸ When he will. *Ætatibus singulis*, 'at every age.'

¹⁹ It rayseth the Price of. *Hoc modo pretium addatur*, 'in this manner value is added to.'

²⁰ Choosing. *Expetiti et electi fuerint*, 'were desired and chosen.'

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Wife, if She thinke her
Husband Wife ; which She
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 marry, when he will.¹⁸ But
 yet, he was reputed one of
 the wife Men, that made
 Answer to the Question ;
 When a Man should marry ?
A young Man not yet,
an Elder Man not at all.^a

It is often seene, that bad *Husbands*, haue very good
*Wiu*es ; whether it be, that it rayseth the Price¹⁹ of
 their *Husbands* Kindnesse, when it comes ; Or that the
*Wiu*es take a Pride, in their Patience. But this neuer
 failes, if the bad *Husbands* were of their owne choosfing,²⁰
 against their Friends consent ; For then, they will be
 fure,²¹ to make good²² their owne Folly.



^a Thales being asked, when a Man should marrie, sayd ; *Young Men not yet, old Men not at all.* Lord Bacon's *Apophth.* No. 220. Ed. 1625.

²¹ Will be sure. *Animus iis semper adest*, 'they will always have a mind.'

²² Make good. *Pœnitere non videantur*, 'not to seem to repent.'

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23. Of Parents and Children.

THe Ioyes of Parentes are secrett, and so are their greifes, and feares; they cannot vtter the one, nor they will not vtter the other. Children sweeten laboures, but they make misfortunes more bitter, they encrease the Cares of life, but they mitigate the remembraunce of death. The perpetuity by generacion is common to b[east]es, but memorie, and meritt, and noble workes are [proper] to Men.

They that are the rayfers of their h[ouses] a[re] most indulgent towards their Children, beh[olding th]em, as the contynuaunce not onely of their ki[nd], but] of their worke, and so both Chil-

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6. Of Parents and Children.

THe ioyes of *Parents* are secret, and so are their griefs and feares: they cannot vtter the one, nor they will not vtter the other. Children sweeten labors, but they make misfortunes more bitter: they increase the cares of life, but they mitigate the remembrance of death. The perpetuitie by generation, is common to beasts; but memorie, merit, and noble works are proper to men.

They that are the first raisers of their house, are most indulgent towards their children; beholding them, as the continuance, not only of their kind, but of their worke; and so both chil-

VI. Variations in posthumous Latin Edition of 1638.

¹ Labours. *Labores humanos*, 'human labours.'² Noble. Omitted in the Latin.

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7. Of Parents and Children.



He Ioyes of *Parents* are Secret;
 And so are their
 Griefes, and
 Feares: They cannot vtter
 the one; Nor they will not
 vtter the other. *Children*
 sweeten Labours;¹ But they
 make Misfortunes more
 bitter: They increase the
 Cares of Life; but they miti-
 gate the Remembrance of
 Death. The Perpetuity by
Generation is common
to Beasts; But Memory,
Merit, and Noble²
workes, are proper to Men:

And surely a Man shall see, the Noblest workes,
 and Foundations, haue proceeded from Childlesse
Men; which haue sought to expresse the Images of
 their Minds; where those of their Bodies haue failed:
 So the care of Posterity, is most in them, that haue no
 Posterity. They that are the
 first Raisers of their Houses,³
 are most Indulgent to-
 wards their *Children*;
 Beholding them, as the
 Continuance, not only of
 their kinde, but of their
 Worke;⁴ And so both *Chil-*

³ First Raisers . . . Houses. *Qui Honores in Familiam suam primi introducunt*, 'those who first bring honour into their families.'

⁴ But of their Worke *Sed ut Rerum a se gestarum Hæredes*: 'but as the heirs of their work.'

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dren, and Cr[eatures].

The difference of affection, in Parentes, towards their]e severall Children is manie tymes vnequall [and] sometymes vnworthie, specially in the mother, as Salomon saith. *A wise sonne reioyceth the father, but an vngracious sonne shames the Mother.* A Man shall see where there is a howefull of Children, one, or two of the eldest respected, and the youngest made wantons, but in the middle, some that are as it were forgotten, who nevertheles prove the best. The illiberalitye of Parentes in allowance towards their Children is an harmefull error, makes them base, acquaintes them with shifts makes them sorte with meane Companie, and makes them surfett more, when they come to plenty; And therefore the prooffe is best, when Men keepe their authoritye towards their Children, but not their purse. Men have

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dren and creatures.

The difference of affection in parents towards their feuerall children, is many times vnequall; and sometimes vnworthy: specially in the mother; as Salomon saith; *A wise sonne reioiceth the Father, but an vngracious son shames the mother.* A man shall see where there is a house full of children, one, or two of the eldest respected, and the youngest made wantons; but in the middle, some that are as it were forgotten; who neuerthelesse prooue the best. The illiberality of Parents in allowance towards their children is an harmefull error: makes them base; acquaints them with shifts, makes them sort with meane companie; and makes them surfett more, when they come to plenty. And therefore the prooffe is best, when men keepe their authority towards their children, but not their purse. Men haue

⁵ House full of Children. *Domo fecunda, et Liberorum plena*, 'a prolific house, full of children.'

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dren and Creatures.^a

The difference in Affection, of *Parents*, towards their feuerall *Children*, is many times vnequall; And sometimes vnworthy; Especially in the *mother*; As Salomon faith; *A wise sonne reioyceth the Father; but an ungracious sonne shames the Mother.* A Man shall see, where there is a House full of *Children*,^b one or two, of the Eldest, respected, and the Youngest made wantons; But in the midst, some that are, as it were forgotten who, many times, neuertheless, proue the best. The Illiberalitie of *Parents*, in allowance towards their *Children*, is an harmefull Errour; Makes them base; Acquaints them with Shifts; Makes them sort with meane Company; And makes them surfet more, when they come to Plenty: And therefore, the Proove is best, when Men keepe their Authority towards their *Children*, but not their Purse.^c Men haue

^a Prov. x. i.^c But not their Purse. *Crumenam laxant*, 'loosen their purse.'

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A foolish manner, both
Parentes Schoole-Maisters,
and Seruauntes in creating,
and breeding an emulation
betweene brothers during
Childhood, which manie
tymes forteth to discord
when they are Men, and
disturbeth families. The
Italians make litle differ-
ence betweene Children,
and Nephues, or neare
Kinsfolkes; but so they be
of the lumpe, they care
not, thoughe they passe
not throughe theire owne
body; and to saie Truth
in nature it is much a like
matter, in so much that
wee see a Nephewe some-
tymes refembleth an vnclie,
or a kinsfeman more then
his owne Parent, as the
blood happens.



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blood happens.



^a Choose the best, habit will easily and pleasantly bring it to pass. A saying of Pythagoras, quoted by Plutarch. *De Exilio*. c. 8.

⁷ Vocations, and Courses. *Cui vitæ Generi*, 'what kind of life.'

⁸ Flexible. *Flexibiles, et cerei*, 'flexible and soft (like wax).'

⁹ Extraordinary. *Erga aliquod Studium insignis*, 'extraordinary towards any pursuit.'

¹⁰ Crosse it. *Naturæ, aut Indoli repugnet*, 'resist nature or disposition.'

¹¹ Fortunate. *Fortunæ Filii*, 'sons of fortune.'

¹² Seldome or neuer. *Sed raro, aut nunquam, prosperum sortiuntur Exitum*, 'but rarely or never, do they obtain a happy end.'

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a foolish manner (both *Parents*, and Schoole-masters, and Seruants) in creating and breeding an Emulation between Brothers, during *Childhood*, which many times forteth to Discord, when they are Men; And disturbeth Families. The *Italians* make little difference betweene *Children*, and Nephewes, or neere Kinssfolkes; But so they be of the Lumpe, they care not, though they passe not through their owne Body. And, to say Truth, in Nature, it is much a like matter; In so much, that we see a Nephew, sometimes, resembleth an Vncle, or a Kinsman, more then his owne *Parent*; As the Bloud happens. [Let *Parents* choose betimes, the Vocations, and Courfes,⁷ they meane their Children should take; For then they are most flexible;⁸ And let them not too much apply themselues, to the Disposition of their *Children*, as thinking they will take best to that, which they haue most Minde to. It is true, that if the Affection or Aptnesse of the *Children*, be Extraordinary,⁹ then it is good, not to crosse it;¹⁰ But generally the Precept is good; *Optimum elige, suave et facile illud faciet Consuetudo.*^a Younger Brothers are commonly Fortunate,¹¹ but seldome or neuer,¹² where the *Elder* are disinherited.



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24. Of Great Place.



En in great place, are thrice seruauntes; seruauntes of the Soueraigne, or State, seruauntes of fame, and seruauntes of businesse; so as they have noe freedome, neither in their persons, nor in their accions, nor in their tymes. It is a straunge desier to seeke power, and to leese libertye, or to seeke power over others, and to leese power over a Mans self. The ryfing vnto place is laborious, and by paynes Men come to greater paines; and it is sometymes base, and by Indignities Men come to Dignities; the standing is slipery, and the regresse is either a downefall, or at least an *Eclipse*, which is a Melancholie thing.

Nay, retire men cannott when they would, Neither will they when it were

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8. Of Great Place.



En in great place, are thrice seruauntes: seruauntes of the Soueraigne, or state,¹ seruauntes of fame,² and seruauntes of businesse.³ So as they haue no freedome, neither in their persons,² nor in their actions,² nor in their times.³ It is a strange desier to seeke power, and to lose liberty: or to seeke power ouer others, and to lose power ouer a mans selfe. The rising vnto place is laborious, and by paines men come to greater paines: and it is sometimes base, and by indignities men come to dignities: the standing is slippery; and the regresse is either a downefall, or at least an *Eclipse*; which is a malancholy thing. *fortune*

Nay, retire, men cannot when they would, neither will they when it were

VI. Variations in posthumous Latin Edition of 1638.

¹ TITLE. *De Magistratibus & Dignitatibus*, 'of magistracies & dignities.'

² Lose. *Exuere*, 'cast off.'

³ Base. *Indignitatibus non vacat*; 'is not without indignities.'

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11. Of Great Place.¹

En in *Great Place*,
 are thrice *Ser-*
uants: Seruants
 of the Souer-
 aigne or State; ¹ Ser-
 uants of Fame; and Ser-
 uants of Businesse. ² So as
 they haue no Freedome;
 neither in their Persons; ³
 nor in their Actions; nor in
 their Times. ⁴ It is a strange
 desire, to seeke Power, and
 to lose ⁵ Libertie; Or to
 seeke Power ouer others,
 and to loose Power ouer a
 Mans Selfe. The Rising
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 And by Paines Men come
 to greater Paines; And it
 is sometimes base; ⁶ And
 by Indignities, Men come
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 ing ⁷ is slippery, and the
 Regresse, is either a downe-
 fall, or at least an Eclipse,
 which is a Melancholy
 Thing. *Cum non sis, qui fueris, non esse, cur velis viuere.*^a
 Nay, retire Men cannot,
 when they would; neither
 will they, when it were

d. advantage:
fortune.

^a When thou art no longer what thou wast, why wishest thou to live.
 Cicero. *Epistolæ Familiares*. (ad Marium) vii. 3.

⁴ Standing. *Statio in Dignitatibus*, 'the standing in dignities.'

⁵ Melancholy. *Triste quiddam, et Melancholicum*, 'is a sad thing and melancholy.'

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reason, but are impatient of privatenes, even in age and sicknes which requier the shaddowe.

Certainly great persons had neede to borrowe other Mens opinions to thinke themselves happie; for if they iudge by their owne feeling, they cannot finde it; but if they thinke with themselves, what other Men thinke of them, and that other Men would faine be as they are, then they are happie as it were by reporte, when perhapps they finde the contrary within; for they are the first, that finde their owne greifes, though they bee the last that finde their owne faultes. Certainly Men in great fortunes are Straungers to themselves, and while they are in the puffle of businesse, they have no tyme to tend their health either of body, or minde, *Illi mors grauis incubat, qui notus nimis*

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reason; but are impatient of priuatenesse, euen in age and sicknesse, which require the shadow.

Certainly, great persons had need to borrow other mens opinions, to thinke themselves happy: for if they iudge by their owne feeling, they cannot find it; but if they thinke with themselves, what other men thinke of them, and that other men would faine be as they are, then they are happy as it were by report, when perhappes they finde the contrarie within; for they are the first that finde their owne griefes, though they bee the last that finde their own faults. Certainly men in great fortunes are strangers to themselves, and while they are in the puffle of busines they haue no time to tend their health, either of body or mind. *illi mors grauis incubat, qui notus nimis*

⁶ Reason. *Cum ratio postulat ut id facerent*, 'when reason demands that they should do it.'

⁷ Sicknesse. *Infirmetas ingruit*, 'weakness attacks them.'

⁸ Shadow. *Umbram et Olum*, 'shadow and case.'

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Reason:⁶ But are impatient of priuatenesse, euen in Age, and Sicknesse,⁷ which require the Shadow:⁸ Like old Townesmen, that will be still sitting at their Street doore; though thereby they offer Age⁹ to Scorne.

Certainly Great¹⁰ Persons,¹¹

had need to borrow other Mens Opinions; to thinke themselues happy; For if

they iudge by their owne Feeling; they cannot finde it: But if they thinke with

themselues, what other men thinke of them, and

that other men would

faine be as they are, then they are happy, as it were

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and while they are in the

pulse of¹¹ businesse, they

haue no time to tend their

Health, either of Body, or

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incubat, qui notus nimis

⁹ Age. - Se, 'themselves.'

¹⁰ Great. *In Magistratibus positus*, 'placed in offices.'

¹¹ In the pulse of. *Distrahuntur*, 'are distracted by.'

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omnibus, ignotus moritur sibi. In place, there is licence to doe good, and evill; Whereof the latter is a Curse; For in evill, the best condicion is, not to will, the second, not to *can*: But power to doe good, is the true and lawfull end of aspiring. For good thoughtes (though God accept them) yet towards Men are litle better then good dreames, except they be putt in act, and that cannott be without power, and place, as the vantage and Commanding ground, Meritt is the End of Mans mocion, and Conscience of Merite is the accomplishment of Mans Rest. For if a Man can in anie measure be partaker of Godes Theater, he shall likewise be partaker of Godes rest. *Et conversus Deus vt aspiceret opera quæ fecerunt manus suæ, vidit quod omnia essent bona nimis*, and then the *Sabbath*. In the discharge of thie place, sett before

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omnibus, ignotus moritur sibi. In place there is licence to do good and euill: wherof the latter is a curse: for in euill the best condition is, not to will; the second not to can. But power to doe good, is the true and lawfull end of aspiring. For good thoughts, (though God accept them) yet towards men are little better then good dreams: except they be put in Art; and that cannot be without power and place; as the vantage and commanding ground. Merit is the ende of mans motion; and conscience of merit is the accomplishment of mans rest. For if a man can in any measure be partaker of *Gods Theater*, he shall likewise be pertaker of *Gods rest*. *Et conuersus Deus vt aspiceret opera quæ fecerunt manus suæ, vidit quod omnia essent bona nimis*, and then the *Sabbath*. In the discharge of thy place, set before

¹² For if a man can be partaker . . . God's Rest. Omitted in the Latin.

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sibi.^a* In Place, There is⁷⁾

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full End of Aspiring. *i.e. self-negation for public good.*

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better then good Dreames;
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Act; And that cannot be
without Power, and Place;
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manding Ground. Merit, and good Works,
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Motion; And Conscience
of the same, is the Accom-
plishment of Mans Rest.
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of Gods Rest.¹² *Et conuer-*
fus Deus, ut aspiceret Opera,
quæ fecerunt manus sue,
vidit quod omnia essent bona
nimis;^b And then the
Sabbath.^c In the Discharge
of thy Place, fet before

^a Death lies heavily on the man, who too well known to all, dies a stranger to himself. Seneca. *Thyestes*. Act ii. (Chorus).

^b Genesis i. 31.

^c See p. 101.

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thee the best Examples;
For Imitacion is a Globe
of Preceptes. And after a
tyme, sett before thee thyne
owne Example, and ex-
amine thie self strictly, Whe-
ther thou didst not best
at first.

Reforme without
braverye, or Scandale of
former tymes, and persons,
but yet sett it downe to thie
self, as well to create good
Presidentes, as to followe
them. Reduce things to
the first Institucion, and
observe wherein and how
they have degenerate; but
yet aske Councell of both
tymes; of the auncient
tyme what is best, and
of the latter tyme what
is fittest. Seeke to make
thie courses regular, that
Men may knowe before
hand what they may
expect, but be not too
positive,
and expresse thie self

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amine thy self strictly, whe-
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they haue degenerate; but
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times; of the ancient
time what is best; and
of the latter time what
is fittest. Seeke to make
thy course regular, that
men may know before
hand what they may
expect; but be not too
positiue,
and expresse thy selfe

¹³ Best at first. *Melius inceperis, quam perstiteris*, 'begin better than you went on.'

¹⁴ Make thy Course Regular. *Ut quæ agis pro Potestate, tanquam Regulis*

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thee the best Examples ;
 For Imitation, is a Globe
 of Precepts. And after a
 time, set before thee, thine
 owne Example ; And ex-
 amine thy selfe strictly, whe-
 ther thou didst not best
 at first.¹³ Neglect not also the Examples of those, that
 haue carried themselues ill, in the same Place : Not to
 set off thy selfe, by taxing their Memory ; but to direct
 thy selfe, what to auoid.

Reforme therefore, without
 Brauerie, or Scandall, of
 former Times, and Persons ;
 but yet set it downe to thy
 selfe, as well to create good
 Presidents, as to follow
 them. Reduce things, to
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 of the Latter Time, what
 is fittest. Seeke to make
 thy Course Regular ;¹⁴ that
 Men may know before
 hand,¹⁵ what they may
 expect : But be not too
 positieue, and peremptorie ;
 And expresse thy selfe¹⁶

quibusdam cohibeantur, 'that your actions for power, may be restrained by certain rules.'

¹³ Know before hand. *Ut Hominibus tanquam digito monstres*, 'that you may point out to men, as if with your finger.'

¹⁶ Thy selfe. *Quid sit quod agas*, 'what it is you do.'

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well, when thou digressest from thie rule; Preserve the rightes of thie place, but stirre not questions of Iurisdiccion, and rather assume thie right in silence and *de facto*, then voyce it with claimes and Challenges. Preserve likewise the rightes of inferiour places, and thinke it more honor, to direct in cheife, then to be busie in all. Imbrace, and invite helps, and intelligence, touching th[e] execution of thie place; and doe not drive away such as bring thee Informacion, as Medlers, but accept of them in good part. The vices of Authority are cheifly 4. *Delaies*, *Corruption*, *Roughnes*, and *Facilitye*. For Delayes; give easie accesse; keepe tymes appointed; goe through with that which is in hand, and interlace not businesse but of necessitye. For Corruption, doe not only

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well when thou digressest from thy rule. Preserue the rights of thy place, but stir not questions of Iurisdiction: and rather assume thy right in silence and *de facto*, then voice it with claimes, and challenges. Preserue likewise the rights of inferiour places; and thinke it more honour, to direct in chiefe, then to be busie in al. Imbrace and inuite helps, and intelligence touching the execution of thy place; and doe not driue away such as bring thee information, as medlers, but accept of them in good part. The vices of authority are chiefly foure. *Delaies*, *Corruptions*, *Roughnesse*, and *Facility*. For Delaies, giue easie accesse; keepe times appointed; go through with that which is in hand, and interlace not busines, but of necessity. For Corruption, do not only

¹⁷ Assume. *Assumas et exerceas*, 'assume and exercise.'

¹⁸ Voice. *Cum strepitu suscitēs, et agites*, 'noisily raise and move.'

¹⁹ Preserue. *Defende, et ne destitue*, 'defend and do not desert.'

²⁰ Inferiour. *Inferiorum Munerum, tibi subordinatorum*, 'inferior places subordinate to yourself.'

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well, when thou digressest from thy Rule. Preferue the Right of thy *Place*; but stirre not questions of Iurisdiction: And rather assume¹⁷ thy Right, in Silence, and *de facto*, then voice¹⁸ it, with Claimes, and Challenges. Preferue¹⁹ likewise, the Rights of Inferiour²⁰ *Places*; And thinke it more Honour to direct in chiefe, then to be busie in all. Embrace, and inuite Helps, and Aduices, touching the Execution of thy *Place*; And doe not driue away such, as bring thee Information, as Medlers; but accept²¹ of them in good part. The vices of *Authoritie*²² are chiefly foure: *Delaies*; ²³ *Corruption*; *Roughnesse*; and *Facilitie*. For *Delaies*; Giue easie Accessse; Keepe times appointed; Goe through with that which is in hand; And interlace not businesse, but of necessitie. For *Corruption*; Doe not onely

²¹ Accept. *Allicias, et recipias*, 'draw to you and accept.'

²² Authoritie. *In Auctoritate ulenda, et exercenda*, 'in using and exercising authority.'

²³ Delaies. *Mora nimia*, 'too much delay.'

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bind thine owne handes,
or thie Seruauntes handes,
that may take, but bind
the handes of them that
should offer. For Integrity
vsed doth the one, but
Integrity professed, and
with a manifest detesta-
cion of Bribery doth the
other. And avoyd not
onely the faulte, but the
Suspicion. Whosoever is
found variable, and chaung-
eth manifestly without
manifest cause, giveth Sus-
picion of Corrupcion.

A Servaunt, or a Favourite
if he bee inward, and noe
other apparaunt cause of
esteeme, is commonly
thought but a by-way.
For roughnes, it is a
needles cause of Discon-
tent. Severity breedeth
feare, but roughnes
breedeth hate. Even Re-
proofes from authoritye,
ought to be grave, and

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or thy seruants hands
that may take; but bind
the hands of them that
should offer. For integrity
vsed doth the one, but
integrity professed, and
with a manifest detesta-
tion of bribery, doth the
other. And auoid not
only the fault, but the
suspition. Whosoever is
found variable and chang-
eth manifestly, without
manifest cause, giueth sus-
pition of corruption.

A feraunt or a fauourite
if he be inward, and no
other apparant cause of
esteeme: is commonly
thought but a by-way.
For roughnes it is a
needleffe cause of discon-
tent. Seueritie breedeth
feare, but roughnesse
breedeth hate. Euen re-
proofes from authoritie,
ought to be graue and

²⁴ Manifest. Omitted in the Latin.

²⁵ Opinion. *Opinione tua quam declarasti*, 'the opinion you have de-
clared.'

²⁶ Course. *Processu quem incepisti*, 'the course you have begun.'

²⁷ Declare it. *Sedulo declares, et inculces*, 'carefully declare and im-
press it.'

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binde thine owne Hands,
 or thy Seruants hands,
 from taking; but binde
 the hands of Sutours also
 from offering. For Integrity
 vsed doth the one; but
 Integrity professed, and
 with a manifest²⁴ detesta-
 tion of Bribery, doth the
 other. And auoid not
 onely the Fault, but the
 Suspicion. Whosoever is
 found variable, and chang-
 eth manifestly, without
 manifest Cause, giueth Sus-
 picion of *Corruption*. Therefore, alwayes, when thou
 changeest thine Opinion,²⁵ or Course,²⁶ professe it plainly,
 and declare it,²⁷ together with the Reasons, that moue
 thee to change; And doe not thinke to steale it.
 A Seruant, or a Fauorite,
 if hee be inward,²⁸ and no
 other apparent Cause of
 Esteeme, is commonly
 thought but a By-way, to close²⁹ *Corruption*.
 For *Roughnesse*; It is a
 needlesse cause of *Discon-*
tent.³⁰ *Seueritie* breedeth³¹
 Feare, but *Roughnesse*
 breedeth Hate. Euen Re-
 proofes from Authoritie,
 ought to be Graue, and

²⁸ Inward. *Seruus graciosus, et apud Dominum potens*, 'a favourite ser-
 vant having influence with his master.'

²⁹ Close. Omitted in the Latin.

³⁰ Discontent. *Inuidiam, et Malevolentiam*, 'envy and ill-will.'

³¹ Breedeth. *Incutit*, 'inflicts.'

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not taunting. As for Facility, it is worse the[n] Bribery. For Bribes come but now and then, but if importunity, or idle respectes lead a Man, he shall never be without; as *Salomon* saith *To respect persons is not good, for such a Man will transgresse for a peece of breade*. It is most true that was aunciently spoken. *A place sheweth the Man* and it sheweth some to the better and some to the worse. *Omnium consensu capax imperii, nisi imperasset* saith *Tacitus* of *Galba*, but of *Vespasian* he saith *Solus imperantium Vespasianus mutatus in melius*, though the one was meant of Sufficiencie, the other of Manners, and affeccion. It is an assured signe of a worthie, and generous spirit, whom honour amendes. Ffor honor is, or should be the place of *Vertue*, and as in nature, thinges move violentlye to their place, and calmly

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⁸² Bribes come. *Tentantur*, 'are attempted.'

⁸³ Sufficiencie. *Arte Imperatoria*, 'the art of governing.'

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 Bribery. For *Bribes*
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such a man will transgresse
for a peece of Bread.^a It
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 Things moue violently to
 their Place, and calmelv

^a Prov. xxviii. 21.

^b In the opinion of all he was capable of Empire, had he not ruled.
Tacitus. History. i. 49.

^c *Vespasian, alone of the Emperors, changed for the better. Tacitus.*
History. i. 50.

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in theire place, so vertue
in ambition is violent, in
authoritye fetled.



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in ambition is violent, in
authority, fetled and calme.



²⁴ Authority. *In Honore adepto*, 'when the honour is gained.'

²⁵ Calme. Omitted in the Latin.

²⁶ Fairely, and tenderly. *Illasam*, 'unhurt.'

²⁷ Paid. *A Successore tuo*, 'by your successor.'

²⁸ Respect. *Amica tracta*, 'treat in a friendly manner.'

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in their Place: So Vertue
 in Ambition is violent, in
 Authority³⁴ settled and calme.³⁵ All Rising to *Great
 Place*, is by a winding Staire: And if there be Factions,
 it is good, to side a Mans selfe, whilest hee is in the
 Rising; and to ballance Himselfe, when hee is placed.
 Use the Memory of thy Predecessor fairely, and ten-
 derly;³⁶ For if thou dost not, it is a Debt, will sure be
 paid,³⁷ when thou art gone. If thou haue Colleagues, re-
 spect³⁸ them, and rather call them, when they looke not
 for it, then exclude them, when they haue reason to
 looke to be called. Be not too sensible, or too re-
 membring, of thy Place, in Conuersation, and priuate
 Answers to Suitors;³⁹ But let it rather be said: *When
 he sits in Place,*⁴⁰ *he is another Man.*

To maintain a hold
 O.P.s has, but
 necessary payment



³⁹ Conuersation, and private Answers to Suitors. *Quotidianis sermonibus, aut conversatione privata*, 'in daily discourse or private conversation.'

⁴⁰ Sits in Place. *Sedet, et munus suum exercet*, 'sits and exercises his office.'

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25. Of Empire.



T is a miserable state of minde to have few thinges to desier, and manie thinges to feare; and yet that commonly is the Case of *Kinges* who being at the highest, want matter of desier, which makes their mindes the more languishing, and have many representations of perilles, and shadowes, which makes their mindes the lesse cleare. And this is one reason alsoe of that effect which the Scripture speaketh of *That the Kinges heart is inscrutable*; For multitude of Iealousyes, and lacke of some predominant desier, that should marshall, and putt in order all the rest, maketh Mens heartes hard to finde, or sound. Hence comes it likewise, that Princes manie tymes make themselves Desieres, and sett their heartes vponn Toyes,

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9. Of Empire.



T is a miserable state of minde, to haue few things to desire, and many things to feare; and yet, that commonly is the case of Kings; who being at the highest, want matter of desire; which makes their mindes the more languishing, and haue many representations of perrilles and shadowes, which makes their minds the lesse cleere. And this is one reason also of that effect, which the Scripture speaketh of; *That the Kings heart is inscrutable*. For multitudes of iealousies, and lacke of some predominant desire, that should marshall and put in order all the rest, maketh any mans heart hard to finde, or sound. Hence commeth it likewise that Princes many times make themselves desires, and set their hearts vpon toies;

VI. Variations in posthumous Latin Edition of 1638.

¹ Shadowes. *Umbrarum volitantium*, 'sitting shadows.'² Speaketh of. *Regibus tribuit*, 'attributes to kings.'

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19. Of Empire.

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 and many Things to feare:
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 which makes their Mindes
 more Languishing;
 And haue many Representations
 of Perills and Shadowes,¹ which makes
 their Mindes the lesse
 cleare. And this is one
 Reason also of that Effect,
 which the Scripture speaketh
 of;² *That the Kings heart is*
inscrutable.^a For
 Multitude of Iealousies,
 and Lack of some predominant
 desire, that should
 marshall and put in order³
 all the rest, maketh any
 Mans Heart, hard to finde,
 or sound.⁴ Hence it comes
 likewise, that *Princes*,
 many times, make them-
 selues Desires, and set
 their Hearts vpon toyes:

^a Prov. xxv. 3.³ Marshall and put in order. *Imperet*, 'command.'⁴ Finde, or sound. *Exploratu*, 'examine.'

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fometymes vponn a building,

fometymes vponn the ad-
vauncing of a perſon, ſome-
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feate of the hand,and ſuch thinges
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minde of Man is more
cheared, and refreshed by
profitinge in ſmale things,
then by ſtanding at a ſtay in
great.* Therefore great, and
fortunate Conquerours in
theire firſt yeares,tourne Melancholie and
ſuperſtitious in theire later,
As did *Alexander* the great,
and in our memorie *Charles*
the fiſt, and manie others.
Ffor he that is vſed to goe
forwarde, and findeth a
ſtopp falleth out of his
owne favour.

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ſometimes vpon a build-
ing; ſometimes vpon
an order;ſometimes vpon the ad-
uancing of a perſon; ſome-
times vpon obtaining ex-
cellency in ſome Arte, or
feate of the hand:and ſuch like thinges,
which ſeeme incredible
to thoſe that knowe not
the principle; *That the
minde of man is more
cheared and refreshed by
profiting in ſmall things,
then by ſtanding at a ſtay in
great.* Therefore great and
fortunate Conquerours in
their firſt yeeres,turne melancholy and
ſuperſtitious in their latter,
As did *Alexander* the great,
and in our memory *Charles*
the fiſth, and many others.
For he that is vſed to goe
forward, and findeth a
ſtoppe, falleth out of his
owne fauour.⁵ Building. *Aedificia extruenda*, 'erecting buildings.'⁶ Order. *Ordinem aliquem aut Collegium*, 'some order or college.'

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Sometimes vpon a Building;⁵ Sometimes vpon Erecting of an Order;⁶ Sometimes vpon the Advancing of a Person; Sometimes vpon obtaining Excellency in some Art, or Feat of the Hand; As *Nero* for playing on the Harpe, *Domitian* for Certainty of Hand with the Arrow, *Commodus* for playing at Fence, *Caracalla* for driuing Chariots, and the like.⁷

This seemeth incredible vnto those, that know not the Principle; *That the Minde of Man is more cheared, and refreshed, by profiting in small things, then by standing at a stay in great.* We see also that *Kings*, that haue beene fortunate Conquerors⁸ in their first yeares; it being not possible for them to goe forward infinitely, but that they must haue some Checke or Arrest in their Fortunes; turne in their latter yeares, to be Superstitious and Melancholy: As did *Alexander* the Great; *Dioclesian*; And in our memory, *Charles* the fift; And others: For he that is vsed to goe forward, and findeth a Stop, falleth out of his owne fauour, and is not the Thing he was.

⁷ And the like. Omitted in the Latin.

⁸ Fortunate Conquerors. *In Victoriis et provinciis subjugandis, maxime felices*, 'very fortunate in victories and in subduing provinces.'

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A true
temper of government
is a rare thing;

For both Temper, and Dis-
temper consist of contra-
ries. But it is one thing
to mingle Contraries, an-
other to interchaunge them.
The answer of *Apollonius*
to *Vespasian* is full of
excellent Instruccion. *Ves-
pasian* asked him what
was *Neroes ouerthrowe* he
answered *Nero could*
touch and tune the Harp
well, But in gouernement
sometymes he vsed to wynd
the pynnes to highe, and
sometymes to let them downe
to lowe. And certaine it
is, that nothing destroyeth
authoritie so much as the
vnequall and vntymely in-
terchaunge of pressing
power and imbasing Maies-
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is rather fine Deliveryes,
and shiftings of daungers
and mischeifes when they
are neare, then solid and
grounded courses to

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temper of gouernment
is a rare thing:

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temper consist of contra-
ries. But it is one thing
to mingle contraries, an-
other to interchange them.
The answer of *Apollonius*
to *Vespasian* is full of
excellent instruction. *Ves-
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was Neroes ouerthrow: hec
answered; *Nero could*
touch and tune the Harpe
well; But in gouernment
sometimes he vsed to winde
the pinnes to hie, and
sometimes to let them downe
too lowe. And certaine it
is, that nothing destroyeth
authority, so much as the
vnequall and vntimely in-
terchange of pressing
power and relaxing power.

The
wisdom of all these latter
times, in Princes affaires,
is rather fine deliueries,
and shiftings of dangers
and mischiefes when they
are neere, then solide and
grounded courses to

⁹ To Vespasian. Omitted in the Latin.

¹⁰ Vnequall. *Inæqualem, et quasi subsultoriam*, 'unequal, and as it were, fitful (jumping).'

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To speake now of the true Temper of *Empire*: It is a Thing rare, and hard to keep: For both Temper and Dis-temper consist of Contraries. But it is one thing to mingle Contraries, another to enterchange them. The Answer of *Apollonius* to *Vespasian*,⁹ is full of Excellent Instruction; *Vespasian* asked him; *What was Neroes ouerthrow?* He answered; *Nero could touch and tune the Harpe well; But in Gouvernment, sometimes he used to winde the pins too high, sometimes to let them downe too low.*^a And certaine it is, that Nothing destroyeth Authority so much, as the vnequall¹⁰ and vntimely Enterchange of Power *Pressed* too farre, and *Relaxed* too much.

This is true: that the wisdom of all these latter Times in *Princes* Affaires, is rather fine Deliueries, and Shiftings¹¹ of Dangers and Mischiefes, when they are neare; then solid and grounded Courses¹² to

^a Philostratus. *Vita Appolloni Tyanensi*. v. 28. Lord Bacon. *Apoph.* 51.

¹¹ Deliueries and Shiftings. *Ut conquirantur magis et aptentur Remedia et subterfugia*, 'rather to seek and apply remedies and subterfuges.'

¹² Courses. *Ut Prudentia solida et constanti, depellantur et summoveantur, antequam impendeant*, 'to dispel and remove them by solid and consistent prudence before they are imminent.'

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keepe them aloofe. But

lett men beware how they neglect and suffer matter of trouble to be prepared; For noe Man can forbidd the sparke, nor tell whence it may come. The difficulties in Princes businesse are many tymes great, but the greatest difficultye is often in their owne minde. Ffor it is Common with Princes, (saith *Tacitus*) to will contradictories; *Sunt plerumque Regum voluntates vehementes, et inter se contrariæ*. For it is the Solœcisme of power, to thinke to commaunde the end, and yet not to enduer the meane,

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¹³ Neglect... prepared. *Obdormiscant circa Turbarum Materias primas, et Inchoamenta*, 'slumber during the first matters and beginnings of troubles.'

¹⁴ Sparke. *Scintillam, Incendium parituram*, 'the spark, which will produce a conflagration.'

¹⁵ Tell. *Regiones Motiri*, 'judge the place.'

¹⁶ Difficulties. *Difficultates et Impedimenta*, 'difficulties and hindrances.'

¹⁷ Great. Omitted in the Latin.

¹⁸ Minde. *Affectus et mores*, 'disposition and manners.'

¹⁹ Power. *Potentia nimia*, 'too much power.'

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keepe them aloofe. But this is but to try Masteries with Fortune: And let men beware, how they neglect, and suffer Matter of Trouble, to be prepared.¹³ For no Man can forbid the Sparke,¹⁴ nor tell¹⁵ whence it may come. The difficulties¹⁶ in *Princes* Businesse, are many and great;¹⁷ But the greatest difficulty, is often in their owne Minde.¹⁸ For it is common with *Princes*, (saith *Tacitus*^a) to will Contradictories. *Sunt plerumque Regum voluntates vehementes, et inter se contrariæ.* For it is the Soloecisme of Power,¹⁹ to thinke to Command²⁰ the End, and yet not to endure²¹ the Meane.

Kings haue to deale with their *Neighbours*; their *Wiues*; their *Children*; their *Prelates* or *Clergie*; their *Nobles*; their *Second-Nobles* or *Gentlemen*; their *Merchants*; their *Commons*; and their *Men of Warre*; And from all these arise Dangers, if Care and Circumspection be not vsed.

First for their *Neighbours*; There can no generall Rule²² be giuen, (The Occasions are so variable,) saue

^a Not Tacitus, but Sallust. *Sed plerumque regie voluntates, ut vehementes, sic mobiles, sæpe ipsæ sibi aduersæ.* 'The wills of most kings, as they are violent, so are they fickle and often at variance with themselves.' *Jugurtha.* cxiii.

²⁰ Command. *Posse . . . pro arbitrio assequi*, 'to be able to attain at his desire.'

²¹ Endure. *Procurare*, 'attend to.'

²² Rule. *Regula aliqua certa Cautionis*, 'no certain rule of caution.'

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²³ And this is generally . . . hinder it. This sentence is omitted in the Latin.

²⁴ Emperour. *Hispano*, 'of Spain.'

²⁵ Either by confederation, or if need were, by a Warre. Omitted in the Latin.

²⁶ Lawfull. *Competens et legitima*, 'sufficient and lawful.'

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one ; which euer holdeth ; which is, That *Princes* doe keepe due Centinell, that none of their *Neighbours* doe ouergrow fo, (by Encrease of Territory, by Embracing of Trade, by Approaches, or the like) as they become more able to annoy them, then they were. And this is, generally, the work of Standing Counfels to foresee, and to hinder it.²³ During that *Triumvirate* of *Kings*, *King Henry* the 8. of *England*, *Francis* the 1. *King* of *France*, and *Charles* the 5. *Emperour*,²⁴ there was such a watch kept, that none of the Three, could win a Palme of Ground, but the other two, would straightwaies ballance it, either by Confederation, or, if need were, by a Warre:²⁵ And would not, in any wise, take up Peace at Interest. And the like was done by that League (which, *Guicciardine* faith, was the Security of *Italy*) made betwene *Ferdinando* King of *Naples*; *Lorenzius Medices*, and *Ludouicus Sforza*, *Potentates*, the one of *Florence*, the other of *Millaine*. Neither is the Opinion, of some of the Schoole-Men, to be receiued: That a warre cannot iustly be made, but vpon a precedent Iniury, or Prouocation. For there is no Question, but a iust Feare, of an Imminent danger, though there be no Blow giuen, is a lawfull²⁶ Cause of a Warre.

For their *Wiues* ; There are Cruell²⁷ Examples of them. *Liui*a is infamed for the poysoning of her husband :²⁸ *Roxolana*, *Solymans* Wife, was the destruction, of that renowned Prince, *Sultan*²⁹ *Mustapha* ; And otherwise troubled his³⁰ House, and Succession: *Edward* the Second of *England*, his Queen, had the principall hand, in the Deposing and Murther of her Husband. This kinde of danger, is then to be feared, chiefly, when the *Wiues* haue Plots, for the Raising of their owne Children :³¹ Or else that they be Aduoutreffes.

²⁷ Cruell. *Crudelia et atrocia*, 'cruel and savage.'

²⁸ Husband. *Augusti*, 'of Augustus.'

²⁹ Sultan. Omitted in the Latin.

³⁰ His. *Mariti sui*, 'her husband's.'

³¹ Children. *Liberos ex priore Marito*, 'children by a former husband.'

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³² Of dangers. Omitted in the Latin.

³³ Turks. *Sultanorum*, 'of the Sultans.'

³⁴ Strange. Omitted in the Latin.

³⁵ Towardnesse. *Spei*, 'hope.'

³⁶ His other Sonne. *Qui ex filiis ejus superstes fuit*, 'his son who survived.'

³⁷ Did little better. Omitted in the Latin.

³⁸ Repentance. *Mærore et pænitentia*, 'grief and repentance.'

³⁹ Bajazet. *Bajazetem patrem suum*, 'Bajazet, his father.'

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For their *Children*: The Tragedies, likewise, of dangers³² from them, haue been many. And generally, the Entring of Fathers, into Suspicion of their *Children*, hath been euer vnfortunate. The destruction of *Mustapha*, (that we named before) was so fatall to *Solyman* Line, as the Succession of the *Turks*,³³ from *Solyman*, vntill this day, is suspected to be vntrue, and of strange³⁴ Bloud; For that *Selymus* the Second was thought to be Supposititious. The destruction of *Crispus*, a young Prince, of rare Towardnesse,³⁵ by *Constantinus* the Great, his Father, was in like manner fatall to his House; For both *Constantinus*, and *Constance*, his Sonnes, died violent deaths; And *Constantinus* his other Sonne,³⁶ did little better,³⁷ who died, indeed, of Sicknesse, but after that *Iulianus* had taken Armes against him. The destruction of *Demetrius*, Sonne to *Philip* the Second, of *Macedon*, turned vpon the Father, who died of Repentance.³⁸ And many like Examples there are: But few, or none, where the Fathers had good by such distrust; Except it were, where the Sonnes were vp, in open Armes against them; As was *Selymus* the first against *Baiazet*:³⁹ And the three Sonnes of *Henry* the Second, King of *England*.

For their *Prelates*; when they are proud and great, there is also danger from them: As it was, in the times of *Anselmus*, and *Thomas Becket*, Archbishops of *Canterbury*; who with their Crofiars, did almost⁴⁰ try it, with the Kings Sword; And yet they had to deale with Stout and Haughty Kings; *William Rufus*, *Henry* the first, and *Henry* the second. The danger is not⁴¹ from that *State*,⁴² but where it hath a dependance of forraine Authority,⁴³ Or where the Church-

⁴⁰ Almost. Omitted in the Latin.

⁴¹ Is not. *Non est magnopere pertimescendum*, 'is not much to be feared.'

⁴² That State. *Prelatis*, 'prelates.'

⁴³ Forraine authority. *Auctoritate et Jurisdictione Principatus externi*, 'authority and jurisdiction of a foreign power.'

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⁴⁴ Come in. Omitted in the Latin.

⁴⁵ Collation. Omitted in the Latin.

⁴⁶ Particular Patrons. *Patronis Ecclesiarum*, 'patrons of churches.'

⁴⁷ Keep at a distance. *Sunt illi certe cohibendi, et tanquam in justa distantia a Solio Regali continendi*, 'they ought assuredly to be restrained, and kept as it were at a proper distance from the King's throne.'

⁴⁸ Depressed. *Perpetuo deprimebat*: 'continually depressed.'

⁴⁹ Loyall. *In Fide et Officio*, 'in faith and duty.'

⁵⁰ Fain to doe. *Sustineret*, 'maintained.'

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men come in,⁴⁴ and are elected, not by the Collation⁴⁵ of the King, or particular Patrons,⁴⁶ but by the People.

For their *Nobles*; To keepe them at a distance,⁴⁷ it is not amisse; But to depresse them, may make a King more Absolute, but lesse Safe; And lesse able to performe any thing, that he desires. I haue noted it, in my History of King *Henry* the Seuenth, of *England*, who depressed⁴⁸ his *Nobility*; Whereupon, it came to passe, that his Times were full of Difficulties and Troubles; For the *Nobility*, though they continued loyall⁴⁹ vnto him, yet did they not co-operate with him, in his Businesse. So that in effect, he was faine to doe⁵⁰ all things, himselfe.

For their *Second Nobles*; There is not much danger from them, being a Body disperfed. They may sometimes discourse high, but that doth little Hurt: Besides,⁵¹ they are a Counterpoize⁵² to the Higher *Nobility*, that they grow not too Potent: And lastly, being the most immediate in Authority,⁵³ with the Common People, they doe best temper Popular Commotions.

For their *Merchants*; They are *Vena porta*;^a And if they flourish not, a Kingdome may haue good Limmes, but will haue empty Veines, and nourish little.⁵⁴ Taxes, and Imposts⁵⁵ vpon them, doe feldome good to the *Kings* Reuenew; For that that he winnes in the Hundred,⁵⁶ he leese in the Shire;⁵⁷ The particular Rates being increased,⁵⁸ but the totall Bulke of Trading rather decreased.

For their *Commons*; There is little danger from

^a *The Gate-vein.*

⁵¹ Besides. *Quinimo fovendi sunt*, 'besides they should be cherished.'

⁵² Counterpoize. *Optime temperent*, 'moderate well.'

⁵³ Authority. *Gubernacula tractent*, 'manage the helm.'

⁵⁴ Nourish little. *Habitum Corporis macrum*, 'lean habit of body.'

⁵⁵ Imposts. *Portoria immodica*, 'excessive imposts.'

⁵⁶ Hundred. *Partibus*, 'in parts.'

⁵⁷ Shire. *Summa*, 'in the total.'

⁵⁸ The particular Rates being increased. Omitted in the Latin.

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*Princes are like the heavenly *bodies* which cause good, or evill tymes, and which have much veneration, but noe rest. All preceptes concernyng kinges are in effect comprehended in those two Remembrances. *Memento quod es Homo* and *Memento quod es Deus*.

The one to bridle their power and, The other their will.

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* This passage is inserted in the margin in a different hand. ? Sir F. Bacon's.

⁵⁹ Great. *Populares*, 'popular.'

⁶⁰ Customes. *Consuetudinibus antiquis*; *Vel in Gravaminibus Tributorum*, 'ancient customs, or grievances of tribute.'

⁶¹ Meanes of Life. *Vel in aliis quæ victum eorum decurtant*, 'or in any thing which diminishes their means of life.'

⁶² In a Body. *Si in Corpus unum cogantur, vel Exercitus, vel præsidiorum*; 'if they are collected in a body either as an army or as garrisons.'

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them, except it be, where they haue Great⁵⁹ and Potent Heads; Or where you meddle, with the Point of Religion; Or their Customes,⁶⁰ or Meanes of Life.⁶¹

For their *Men of warre*; It is a dangerous State, where they liue and remaine in a Body,⁶² and are vsed to Donatiues; whereof we see Examples⁶³ in the *Ianizaries*, and *Pretorian Bands of Rome*;⁶⁴ But Traynings of Men, and Arming them in feuerall places, and vnder feuerall Commanders, and without Donatiues, are Things of Defence,⁶⁵ and no Danger.

Princes are like to *Heauenly Bodies*, which cause⁶⁶ good or euill times; And which haue⁶⁷ much *Veneration*, but no *Rest*. All precepts concerning *Kings*, are in effect comprehended, in those two Remembrances: *Memento quod es Homo*;^a And *Memento quod es Deus*, or *Vice^b Dei*: The one bridleth their Power, and the other their Will.⁶⁸



^a Remember that thou art man.

^b Remember that thou art God, or, in the place of God.

⁶³ Examples. *Clarissima Exempla*, 'most clear examples.'

⁶⁴ Bands of Rome. Omitted in the Latin.

⁶⁵ Defence. *Utiles, et salubres*, 'profitable and serviceable.'

⁶⁶ Cause. *In fluxu suo producant*, 'produce in their course.'

⁶⁷ Haue. *Gaudent*, 'enjoy.'

⁶⁸ Their will. *Ad Voluntatem regendam*, 'to rule their will'

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26. Of Councell.



He greatest trust
betweene Man,
and man is the
trust of giveing
Councell. Ffor in other
confidences Men committ
the partes of their life,
theire landes, theire goodes,
theire Childe, their
Creditt, some particular
affaier. But to such as
they make their Councel-
lours, they committ the
whole; by how much the
more they are obliged to
all faith, and Integrity.
The wisest Princes neede
not thinke it anie dimin-
ution to their greatnes,
or derogation to their
sufficiency, to relye vponn
councell. God himself
is not without, but hath
made it one of the great
names of his blessed
sonne *the Counsellor*.
Salomon hath pronounced
that *In Counsell is Sta-*
bilitie. Things will have
their first, or second agita-

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10. Of Counsell.



He greatest trust
betweene man,
is the
trust of giuing
counsell. For in other
confidences men commit
the partes of their life,
their lands, their goods,
their child, their
credit; some particuler
affaire. But to such as
they make their counsel-
lors, they commit the
whole; by how much the
more they are obliged to
all faith, and integrity.
The wisest Princes need
not thinke it any dimin-
ution to their greatnesse,
or derogation to their
sufficiency, to rely vpon
counsell. God himsele
is not without: but hath
made it one of the great
names of his blessed
Son (*the Counsellor*).
Salomon hath pronounced,
that *In Counsel is sta-*
bilitie. Things will haue
their first or second agita-

FF. Variations in posthumous Latin Edition of 1633.

¹ They. *Qui partes Consiliariorum præstant*, 'those who perform the part of counsellors.'

² Greatnesse. *Auctoritatis*, 'authority.'

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20. Of Counsell.



He greateſt Truſt,
 betweene Man
 and Man, is the
 Truſt of *Giuving*
Counſell. For in other
 Confidences, Men commit
 the parts of life;
 Their Lands, their Goods,
 their Children, their
 Credit, ſome particular
 Affaire: But to ſuch, as
 they make their *Counſel-*
lours, they commit the
 whole: By how much the
 more, they¹ are obliged to
 all Faith and integrity.
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 not thinke it any diminu-
 tion to their Greatneſſe,²
 or derogation to their
 Sufficiency,³ to rely vpon
Counſell.⁴ *God* himſelfe
 is not without:⁵ But hath
 made it one of the great
 Names, of his bleſſed
 Sonne; *The Counſellour*.^a
Salomon hath pronounced,
 that *In Counſell is Sta-*
bility.^b Things⁶ will haue
 their firſt, or ſecond Agita-

^a Iſaiah ix. 6.^b Prov. xx. 18.³ Or derogation to their Sufficiency. Omitted in the Latin.⁴ Counſell. *Conſilio Virorum ſelectorum*, 'counſel of choſen men.'⁵ Without. *Conſilio vacat*, 'without counſel.'⁶ Things. *Res humanae*, 'human things.'

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cion; if they be not tossed vponn the arguments of Councell, they wilbe tossed vponn the waves of fortune and be full of inconstancye, doeing, and vndoeing, like the reeling of a drunken Man. *Salomons* sonnes found the force of Councell, as his father sawe the necessity of it. For the beloved kingdome of God was first rent, and broken by ill counsell, vponn which Councell there are sett for our Instruccion, the two markes whereby bad Counsell is forever best discerned, that it was young Councell for the persons, and violent Councell for the matter.

The auncient tymes doe sett fourth in figure both the incorporacion, and inseperable coniunction of Councell with Kinges, and the wise and politike vse of Councell by kinges; the one in that they say *Iupiter* did

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The ancient times doe set forth in figure both the incorporation, and inseperable coniunction of counsell with *Kinges*; and the wise and politike vse of Councell by Kings: the one, in that they say *Iupiter* did

⁷ Inconstancy. *Inconstantia, et Mutationum*, 'inconstancy and changes.'

⁸ Necessity. *Necessitatem et usum*, 'necessity and use.'

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there are set,⁹ for our In-
struction, the two Markes,
whereby *Bad Counsell* is,
for euer, best discerned:
That it was *young Coun-
sell*, for the Persons; And
Violent Counsell, for the
Matter.

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both the Incorporation,
and inseparable Coniunc-
tion of *Counsell* with
Kings; And the wise and
Politique vse of *Counse!*
by *Kings*: The one, in
that they say, *Iupiter* did

⁷ Set. *Inusta*, 'branded.'

¹⁰ Times. *Sapientia*, 'wisdom.'

¹¹ Set. *Adumbravit*, 'shadowed.'

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marrie *Metis* which signifieth Councill; So as

Soveraignetye, or Authoritie is married to Councill; the other in that which followeth which was thus.

They say after *Iupiter* was married to *Metis*, she conceived by him, and was with childe; But *Iupiter* suffered her not to stay till she brought fourth, but eate her vpp, whereby he becamewith childe, and was delivered of *Pallas* armed out of his head; which monstrous fable containeth a secrett of *Empire*, how kinges are to make vse of their Councill of State.

That first they ought to referre matters to them which is the first begetting, or impregnation; but when they are elaborate, moulded, and shaped in the wombe of their Councill, and grow ripe, and ready to be brought fourth, then that they suffer not their Coun-

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marrie *Metis* (which signifieth Counsell.) So as

Souerainty or authority is married to counfel. The other in that which followeth; which was thus,

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¹² Was thus. *Hujusmodi Commentum est*, 'was a fable of this kind.'

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marry *Metis*, which signifieth *Counsell*: Whereby they intend, that *Souerainty* is married to *Counsell*: The other, in that which followeth, which was thus:¹² They say after *Iupiter* was married to *Metis*, she conceiued by him, and was with Childe; but *Iupiter* suffered her not to stay, till she brought forth, but eat her vp; Wherby he became himselfe with Child, and was deliuered of *Pallas Armed*, out of his Head. Which monstrous Fable, containeth a Secret of *Empire*; How *Kings* are to make vse of their *Councell* of *State*. That first, they ought to referre¹³ matters vnto them, which is the first Begetting or Impregnation;¹⁴ But when they are elaborate, moulded, and shaped, in the Wombe of their *Councell*, and grow ripe, and ready to be brought forth; That then, they suffer not their *Coun-*

¹² Referre. *Deliberandas committant*, 'refer for deliberation.'

¹⁴ Begetting or Impregnation. *Conceptio*, 'conception.'

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cell to goe throughe with the resolution, and direction, as if it depended vponn them, but take the matters backe into their owne hand, and make it appeare to the world that the decrees and finall direccions (which because they come forth with prudence, and power, are resembled to *Pallas* armed) proceede from themselves; and not onely from their authority, but the more to add reputation to themselves, from their head, and devise.

The inconveniences that have beene noted in calling, and vsing Councell are three—First the revealing of affayres whereby they become lesse secrett. Secondly the weakening of the authoritie of Princes, as if they were lesse of themselves; Thirdly the daunger of being vnfaithfullie counselled, and more for the good of them that

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fel to go through, with the resolution and direction, as if it depended vpon them; but take the matter back into their own hand, and make it appeare to the world, that the decrees and final directions (which because they come forth with prudence, and power, are resembled to *Pallas* armed) proceeded from themselues: and not onely from their authority, but (the more to adde reputation to themselues) from their heade and de-vice.

The inconueniences that haue beene noted in calling and vsing counsell, are three. First, the reuealing of affaires, whereby they become lesse secret. Secondly, the weakning of the authority of Princes, as if they were lesse of themselues. Thirdly, the danger of being vnfaithfully counselled, and more for the good of them that

¹⁵ Resolution and direction. *Decretum*, 'resolution.'

¹⁶ On them. *Ex eorum Auctoritate*, 'upon their authority.'

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cell to goe through with the Resolution, and direction,¹⁵ as if it depended on them;¹⁶ But take the matter backe into their owne Hands, and make it appeare to the world, that the Decrees, and finall Directions, (which, because they come forth with *Prudence*, and *Power*, are resembled to *Pallas Armed*) proceeded from themselues: And not onely from their *Authority*, but (the more to adde Reputation to Themselues) from their *Head*, and *Deuice*.¹⁷

Let vs now speake of the *Inconueniences* of *Counsell*, and of the *Remedies*.

The *Inconueniences*, that haue been noted in calling, and vsing Counsell, are three. First, the Reuealing¹⁸ of Affaires, whereby they become lesse *Secret*. Secondly, the Weakning of the Authority of Princes, as if they were lesse¹⁹ of Themselues. Thirdly, the Danger of being vnfaithfully *counselled*, and more for the good of them that

¹⁷ Deuice. *Auctoritate*, 'authority.'

¹⁸ Reuealing. Omitted in the Latin.

¹⁹ Were lesse. *Minus ex se penderent*, 'depended less upon themselves.'

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councell, then of him that is councelled. Ffor which inconveniences the doctrine of *Italie*, and practize of *Fraunce* hath introduced *Cabanett* Councelles, a remedy worfe than the disease, which hath toured *Metis* the wife, to *Metis* the Mistresse, that is the councelles of State to which Princes are* solemnly marryed, to councells of gracious persons recommended cheifly by † flattery and affection.

But for secrecie, Princes are not bound to communicate all matters with all counsellours, but may extract, and select. Neither is it necessarye, that he that consulteth what he should doe, should declare what he will doe; But lett Princes beware that the vnsecreting of their affaires come not from themselves; and as for *Cabanett* Councell It may be their *Mot plenus rimarum sum*; one

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* † The word 'solemly' has been struck out here; and the words 'flattery and' have been inserted below in a different hand; ? Sir F. Bacon's.

²⁰ Counsellled. *Principis ipsius*, 'the prince himself.'

²¹ Cabinet. *Interiora, quæ vulgo vocantur Cabinetti*, 'inner councils, which are commonly called cabinets.'

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counsell, then of him that is *counfelled*.²⁰ For which *Inconueniences*, the Doctrine of *Italy*, and Practise of France, in some Kings times, hath introduced *Cabinet*²¹ *Counsels*; A Remedy worfe then the Disease.

As to *Secrecy*;²² *Princes* are not bound to communicate all Matters, with all *Counsellors*; but may extract and select.²³ Neither is it necessary, that he that consulteth what he should doe, should declare what he will doe. But let *Princes* beware, that the *unsecreting* of their Affaires, comes not from Themselues. And as for *Cabinet Counsells*, it may be their *Motto*; *Plenusrimarum sum*;^a One

^a I am full of rifts. Terence. *Eunuchus*. i. 2.

²⁰ Secrecy. *Occultationem Consiliorum*, 'secrecy of councils.'

²³ After select. *Tam Personas, quam Negotia*, 'as well the persons as the business.'

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futile perfon, that maketh
it his glorie to tell, will
doe more hurt, then manie,
that knowe it theire duetie
to keepe counsell.

For / weakening of
authority, The fable
fheweth the remedye

Neither was there ever
prince bereaved of his
dependances by his
Counsell, except where
there hath bene either
an over-greatneffe in one,
or an over-ſtrict Combin-
acion in diuerſe.

For the laſt inconvenience,

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it his glory to tell, will
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that know it their dutie
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ation in diuerſe.

For the laſt inconuenience

²⁴ Tell. *Arcana noſſe et retegere*, 'to know and diſcloſe ſecrets.'

²⁵ Beyond. *Ultra notitiam*, 'beyond the knowledge of.'

²⁶ Hand-Mill. *Proprio Marte validus*, 'ſtrong in his own ſtrength.'

²⁷ Inward. Omitted in the latin.

²⁸ True. Omitted in the Latin.

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futile person, that maketh
 it his glory to tell,²⁴ will
 doe more hurt, then many,
 that know it their duty
 to conceale. It is true, there be some Affaires,
 which require extreme *Secrecy*, which will hardly go
 beyond²⁵ one or two persons, besides the *King*: Neither
 are those *Counsels* vnprosperous: For besides the
Secrecy, they commonly goe on constantly in one Spirit
 of Direction, without distraction. But then it must
 be a Prudent *King*, such as is able to Grinde with a
Hand-Mill;²⁶ And those *Inward*²⁷ *Counsellours*, had
 need also, be Wise Men, and especially true²⁸ and
 trusty to the Kings Ends; As it was with King *Henry*
 the Seuenth of *England*, who in his greatest Businesse,²⁹
 imparted himselfe to none,³⁰ except it were to *Morton*,
 and *Fox*.

For *Weakening of*
Authority; The Fable
 sheweth the *Remedy*. Nay the Maiesty of Kings, is
 rather exalted, then diminished, when they are in the
 Chaire of Counsell:
 Neither was there euer
Prince, bereaued of his
 Dependances,³¹ by his
Councell; Except where
 there hath beene, either
 an Ouergreatnesse in one *Counsellour*,
 Or an Ouerstrict Combin-
 ation in Diuers; which are Things³² soone found, and
 holpen.

For the last *Inconuenience*,

²⁹ His greatest Businesse. *Arcana sua maioris momenti*, 'his secrets
 of greater importance.'

³⁰ None. *Duobus tantummodo Consiliariis*, 'to two councillors alone.'

³¹ Dependances. *Auctoritate*, 'authority.'

³² Things. *Mala*, 'evils.'

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that Men will counsell with an eye to themselves, Certainly *Non inveniet fidem super terram*, is meant of the nature of tymes, and not of all particular persons. There be that are in nature faithfull, and sincere and plaine, and direct, not craftye, and involved; lett Princes above all drawe to themselves such natures; Besides Councelles are not commonly so vnited, but that one keepeth Sentinell over another.

But the best remedy is, if Princes know their Councellours as well as their Councellours knowe them. *Principis est virtus maxima nosse suos*. And on the other side, Councellours should not be too Speculative into their Sovereignes person. The true Composition of a Councellour is rather to be skilfull in their Masters businesse, then in his nature, for then he is like to advise

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But the best remedie is, if *Princes* know their counsellours, aswell as their Counsellors know them, *Principis est virtus maxima nosse suos*. And of the other side Councellors should not be too speculative into their Soueraignes person. The true composition of a Councellor, is rather to bee skilfull in their Masters businesse, then in his nature: For then he is like to aduise

³³ Themselues. *Suæ rei* . . . *non Domini*, 'their own affairs, not their masters.'

³⁴ After Certainly. *Scripturam illam*, 'that text.'

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that Men will *Counfell with an Eye to themfelues*; ³³ Certainly, ³⁴ *Non inueniet Fidem super terram,*^a is meant of the Nature of Times, and not of all particular Perfons; There be, that are in Nature, Faithfull, and Sincere, and Plaine, and Direct; Not Crafty, and Inuolued: Let *Princes*, aboue all, draw to themfelues fuch Natures. Befides, *Counfellours* are not Commonly fo vnited, but that one *Counfellour* keepeth Centinell ouer Another; So that if any do *Counfell* out of Faction, or priuate Ends, it commonly comes to the *Kings* Eare. But the best *Remedy* is, if *Princes* know their *Counfellours*, as well as their *Counfellours* know them: *Principis est virtus maxima nosse fuos.*^b And on the other fide, *Counfellours* fhould not be too Speculative, into their Soueraignes Perfon. The true Composition of a *Counfellour*, is rather to be skilful in their Masters Bufineffe, then in his Nature; For then he is like to Aduife

^a Luke xviii. 8.

^b *It is the greatest vertue of a Prince to know his own.* Martial. *Epigr.* viii. 15.

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him, and not to feede his humor. It is of singuler vse to Princes, if they take the opinions of their Councell, both separately, and together. For priuate opinion is more free; but opinion before others is more reverent. In private, Men are more bold in their owne humours, and in confort, Men are more obnoxious to others humors. Therefore it is good to take both, and of the inferiour sorte rather in priuate,

of
the greater rather in Companie.

It is in vaine for Princes to take Councell concerning matters, if they take not Councell likewise concerning persons. Ffor all matters are as dead Images, and the life of the execucion of affayres resteth in the good choise of persons. Neither is it enoughe to consulte concerning persons *Secundum genera*, as in an Idea, or

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It is in vain for *Princes* to take counsell concerning matters: if they take no counsell likewise concerning persons. For all matters are as dead images, and the life of the execution of affaires resteth in the good choise of persons. Neither is it enough to consult concerning persons, *secundum genera*, as in an *Idea*, or

³⁵ Opinions. *Opiniones et Vota*, 'opinions and wishes.'

³⁶ Are more bold. *Plus inservit*, 'serve more.'

³⁷ Obnoxious. *Obnoxius*, 'deferential.'

³⁸ Humours. *Affectibus*, 'assumptions.'

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him, and not to Feede his Humour. It is of singular vse to *Princes*, if they take the Opinions³⁵ of their *Counsell*, both Seperately, and Together. For Priuate Opinion is more free; but Opinion before others is more Reuerend. In priuate, Men are more bold³⁶ in their owne Humours; And in Confort, Men are more obnoxious³⁷ to others Humours;³⁸ Therefore it is good to take both: And of the inferiour Sort, rather in priuate, to preferue Freedome; Of the greater, rather in Confort, to preferue Respect.³⁹ It is in vaine for *Princes* to take *Counsel* concerning *Matters*, if they take no *Counsell* likewise⁴⁰ concerning Persons: For all *Matters*, are as dead Images; And the Life of the Execution of Affaires, resteth in the good Choice⁴¹ of *Persons*. Neither is it enough to consult concerning *Persons*, *Secundum genera*,^a as in an *Idea*, or

^a According to classes.

³⁹ Preserue Respect. *Ut modestius Sententiam ferant*, "that they may give their opinions more moderately."

⁴⁰ Likewise. *Diligenter quoque*, 'diligently also.'

⁴¹ Good Choice. *Delectu*, 'choice.'

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Mathematicall description
what kindof person should
be, but in *indiuiduo*
for the greatest errors,
and the
greatest Iudgement are
shewed in the choice of
Indiuidualls.

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and the
greatest iudgement are
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Consiliarij *mortui*.Bookes will speake plaine,
when Councillors blanch.
Therefore it is good to be
conuerfant in them, spe-
cially the books of such as
themselues haue beene
Actors vpon the Stage.

^a *The best counsellors are the dead.* "Alonso of Aragon was wont to say of himselfe; *That he was a great Necromancer, for that he vsed to aske Counsell of the Dead*: meaning Books." Lord Bacon. *Apophth.* No. 105. *Ed.* 1625.

^b *In the night there is counsell.*

^c Mr. W. A. Wright quotes the following explanation of this phrase from North's translation of Plutarch. *Coriolanus*, p. 249. *Ed.* 1577: "But hereby appeareth plainely, how king *Numa* did wisely ordaine all other ceremonies concerning deuotion to the goddess, and specially this custome which he stablished, to bring the people to religion. For when the magistrates, bishoppes, priestes, or other religious ministers goe about any deuine seruice, or matter of religion, an herauld euer goeth before them, crying out aloud, *Hoc age*: as to say, doe this, or mind this."

⁴² Most Iudgement is shewne. *Judicii Libra maxime versatur*, 'the balance of judgment is most used.'

⁴³ Truly said. *Memoria tenendum*, 'must be kept in the memory.'

⁴⁴ Blanch. *In Adulationem lapsuri*, 'will slip into flattery.'

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Mathematicall Description,
what the Kinde and Cha-
racter of the *Person* should
be ;

For the greatest Errours
are committed, and the
most Iudgement is
shewne,⁴² in the choice of
Individuals.

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Consiliarij *mortui*;^a

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when *Counsellors* Blanch.⁴⁴

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conuerfant in⁴⁵ them; Spe-
cially the *Bookes* of such, as
Themselues haue been
Actors vpon the Stage.⁴⁶

The *Counsels*, at this Day, in most Places, are but
Familiar Meetings ;⁴⁷ where Matters are rather talked
on, then debated. And they run too swift to the
Order or Act of *Counsell*. It were better, that in
Causes of weight, the Matter were propounded one
day, and not spoken to,⁴⁸ till the next day ; *In Nocti*
Consilium.^b So was it done, in the Commission of
Union, between *England* and *Scotland* ; which was a
Graue and Orderly Assembly. I commend set Daies
for Petitions :⁴⁹ For both it giues the Suitors more
certainty for their Attendance ; And it frees the Meet-
ings for Matters of Estate,⁵⁰ that they may *Hoc agere*.^c

⁴⁵ Be conuersant in. *Multum revolvere*, 'turn over much.'

⁴⁶ Actors vpon the Stage. *Gubernacula Rerum tractarunt*, 'have managed the helm of affairs.'

⁴⁷ Meetings. *Congressus, et colloquia*, 'meetings and conversation.'

⁴⁸ Not spoken to. *Tractaretur*, 'treated.'

⁴⁹ Petitions. *Petitiones privadas*, 'private petitions.'

⁵⁰ Meetings for Matters of Estate. *Solenniores Conventus*, 'more solemn meetings.'

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⁵¹ Indifferent. *Qui æqui sint, et in neutram partem propendeant*, 'who are indifferent and lean to neither side.'

⁵² Standing. *Non tantum temporaneas, aut e re nata; sed etiam continuatas, et perpetuas*, 'not only temporary or for a certain thing, but also continual and perpetual.'

⁵³ As. *Exempli gratia; Quæ curent separatim*, 'as for example, which should be administered separately.'

⁵⁴ Suits. *Gratias; Gravamina*; 'favours; complaints.'

⁵⁵ Particular. *Subordinata*, 'subordinate.'

⁵⁶ Of Estate. *Superius*, 'higher.'

⁵⁷ Let. *Si Casus postulet*, 'if the case require.'

⁵⁸ Professions. *Muneris aut professionis*, 'duty or profession.'

⁵⁹ After Mint-men. *Mercatoribus, Artificibus*, 'merchants, artisans.'

⁶⁰ In a Tribunitious Manner. *More Tribunitio*, 'after the manner of a tribune [*i.e.* in a tumultuous, turbulent manner].'

⁶¹ After *enforme*. *Ut decet*, 'as is proper.'

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In choice of Committees, for ripening Businesse, for the *Counsell*, it is better to choose Indifferent⁵¹ persons, then to make an Indifferency, by putting in those, that are strong, on both sides. I commend also *standing*⁵² *Commissions*; As⁵³ for Trade; for Treasure; for Warre; for Suits;⁵⁴ for some Prouinces: For where there be diuers particular⁵⁵ *Counsels*, and but one *Counsell* of Estate,⁵⁶ (as it is in *Spaine*) they are in effect no more, then *Standing Commissions*; Saue that they haue greater Authority. Let⁵⁷ such, as are to informe *Counsels*, out of their particular Professions,⁵⁸ (as Lawyers, Sea-men, Mint-men,⁵⁹ and the like) be first heard, before *Committees*; And then, as Occasion serues, before the *Counsell*. And let them not come in Multitudes, or in a Tribunitious Manner;⁶⁰ For that is, to clamour *Counsels*, not to informe⁶¹ them. A long Table, and a square Table, or Seats about the Walls,⁶² seeme Things of Forme, but are Things of Substance; For at a long Table, a few at the upper end, in effect, sway all the Businesse; But in the other Forme, there is more vse of the *Counsellours* Opinions, that sit lower. A *King*, when he presides in *Counsell*, let him beware how he Opens his owne Inclination too much, in that which he propoundeth:⁶³ For else *Counsellours* will but take the Winde of him; And in stead of giuing Free Counsell, sing him a Song of *Placebo*.



⁶² After Walls. *Camera Consilii*, 'of the council chamber.'

⁶³ In that which he propoundeth. Omitted in the Latin.

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27. Of Atheisme.



Had rather be-
leeve all the
fables in the
Legend,
and the *Alcaron*,
then that this vniuerfall
frame is without a minde
And therefore God never
wrought miracle to con-
vince Athiestes because
his ordinary workes con-
vince them. Certainly
a litle *Philosophie* in-
clineth to
Atheisme, but depth in
Philosophie bringeth Men
about to Religion;
for when the minde of
Man looketh vponn second
causes scattered,
fometymes it resteth in
them, But
when it beholdeth
them confede-
rate, and knitt together,
it flies to pro-
vidence, and deitye. Most
of all that schoole which
is most accused of Athe-
isme, doth demon-
strate Religion, that is

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14. Of Atheisme.



Had rather be-
leeue all the
fables in the
Legend,
and the *Alcaron*,
then that this vniuerfall
frame is without a minde.
And therefore God neuer
wrought myracle to con-
vince Atheists, because
his ordinary works con-
vince them. Certainly,
a little *Philosophie* in-
clineth mans minde to
Atheisme, but depth in
Philosophie bringeth men
about to Religion.
For when the minde of
man looketh vpon second
causes scattered,
fometimes it resteth in
them; but
when it beholdeth,
them confede-
rat, and knit together,
it flies to pro-
vidence, and *Deitie*. Most
of all, that schoole which
is most acused of Athe-
isme, doth demon-
strate Religion. That is,

WE. Variations in posthumous Latin Edition of 1638.

¹ Rather. *Minus durum est*, 'it is less hard.'² All the Fables. *Portentosisissimis Fabulis*, 'the most monstrous fables'

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16. Of Atheisme.



HAD rather¹ be-
leeue all the
Fables² in the
Legend, and the
Talmud, and the *Alcoran*,
then that this vniuerfall
Frame, is without a Minde.
And therefore, God neuer
wrought Miracle, to con-
uince *Atheisme*, because
his Ordinary Works con-
uince it. It is true, that
a little Philosophy³ in-
clineth Mans Minde to
Atheisme; But depth in
Philosophy bringeth Mens
Mindes about to *Religion*:
For while the Minde of
Man, looketh vpon Second
Causēs Scattered, it may
sometimes rest in them,
and goe no further: But
when it beholdeth, the
Chaine of them, Confede-
rate and Linked together,
it must needs flie to *Pro-
vidence*, and *Deitie*. Nay
euen that *Schoole*, which
is most accused of *Athe-
isme*,⁴ doth most demon-
strate *Religion*; That is,

³ Philosophy. *Philosophie Naturalis*, 'natural philosophy.'

⁴ Atheisme. *Atheismi, si quis vere rem introspicia*, 'atheism, if one truly consider the matter.'

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the Schoole of *Leucippus*, and *Democritus*, and *Epicurus*; ffor it is a thousand tymes more credible that Fower mutable Elementes and one immutable 5th essence duely and eternally placed neede noe God; then that an Armie of infinite smale porcions, vnplac'd should have produc'd this order, and beautye without a diuine Marshall. The Scripture saith *The foole hath said in his heart there is noe God.* It is not said *The foole hath thought in his heart*, so as hee rather saith it by rote to himself, as that he would have, then that he can throughlie beleeeve it, or be perswaded of it. For none denie there is a God, but those for whom it maketh that there were noe God.

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⁵ Vnplaced. *Sine Ordine fortuito vagantium*, 'wandering by chance without order.'

⁶ Marshall. *Ædili*, 'superintendent.'

⁷ By rote. Omitted in the Latin.

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God. It appeareth in nothing more, that *Atheisme* is rather in the *Lip*, then in the *Heart* of Man, then by this; That *Atheists* will euer be talking¹⁰ of that their Opinion, as if they fainted in it, within themselues, and would be glad to be strengthened, by the Consent of others: Nay more, you shall haue *Atheists* strue to

^a Ps. xiv. 1. ^b See p. 121,

⁸ Deny. *Deos non esse credit*, 'believe there are no gods.'

⁹ It maketh. *Expediit*, 'it is advantageous.'

¹⁰ Talking. *Prædicent et defendant*, 'preaching and defending.'

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¹¹ Suffer. *Mortem et Cruciatum subierunt*, 'have undergone death and tortures.'

¹² And not recant. *Potius quam Opinionem suam retractare sustinerent*, 'rather than bear to retract their opinion.'

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get *Disciples*, as it fareth with other Sects : And, which is most of all, you shall haue of them, that will suffer¹¹ for *Atheisme*, and not recant ;¹² Whereas, if they did truly thinke, that there were no such Thing as *God*, why should they trouble themselues ?

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^a *It is not profane to deny the gods of the people : but it is profane to attribute to the gods, the beliefs of the people.* Diog. Laert. x. 123.

¹³ God. *Deos*, 'gods.'

¹⁴ More. *Melius*, 'better.'

¹⁵ Administration. *Divinam rerum Administrationem*, 'divine administration of things.'

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the names *Iupiter, Appollo,*
Mars, Etc., but not the
word, *Deus*; which shewes
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[*Expanded and transposed here in the 1625
Edition, from the Essay Of Superstition of the
1612 Edition; see p. 346.*]

They that denie a God, They that deny a God,

¹⁶ Extent. Omitted in the Latin.

¹⁷ Receiued Religion. *Religionem aliquam*, 'any religion.'

¹⁸ Name. *Nomen et Nota*, 'name and mark.'

¹⁹ Maine. Omitted in the Latin.

²⁰ Scoffing. *Ludendi et Jocandi*, 'playing and joking.'

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though they haue not the Latitude,
and Extent¹⁶ of it. So
that against *Atheists*, the
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take part, with the very
subtillest Philosophers. The Contemplatiue *Atheist* is
rare; A *Diagoras*, a *Bion*, a *Lucian* perhaps, and some
others; And yet they seeme to be more then they are;
For that, all that Impugne a receiued *Religion*,¹⁷ or
Superstition, are by the aduerse Part, branded with the
Name¹⁸ of *Atheists*. But the great *Atheists*, indeed,
are *Hypocrites*; which are euer Handling Holy Things,
but without Feeling. So as they must needs be cau-
terized in the End. The *Causes* of *Atheisme* are;
Diuisions in *Religion*, if they be many; For any one
maine¹⁹ Diuision, addeth Zeale to both Sides; But
many Diuisions introduce *Atheisme*. Another is,
Scandall of *Priests*; When it is come to that, which
S. Bernard faith; *Non est iam dicere, vt Populus, sic*
Sacerdos: quia nec sic populus, vt Sacerdos. A third is,
Custom of *Profane Scoffing*²⁰ in *Holy Matters*; which
doth, by little and little, deface the Reuerence of
Religion. And lastly, *Learned Times*, specially with
Peace, and Prosperity: For Troubles and Aduersities
doe more bow Mens Mindes to *Religion*.
They that deny a *God*,²¹

^a It cannot now be said, as are the people, so is the priest; because the
people are not so bad as the priest. *St. Bernard. Sermones ad Pastores.*
Opera. p. 1752. Ed. 1640.

²¹ *God. Deos, 'Golds.'*

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destroy mans nobilitye; Ffor certainlie Man is of kin to the beastes by his body, and if he be not of kin to God by his spiritt, he is a base and ignoble Creature. It destroyes likewise Magnanimitie, and the raising of humane nature. For take an Example of a dogg, and marke what a generosity, and courage he will put on, when he findes himself mainteyned by a Man, which to him is instead of a God, or *melior natura*; which courage is manifestlie such, as that Creature without that Confidence of a better nature then his owne, could never attaine. So man when he resteth and assureth himselfe vponn divine proteccion, and fauour, gathereth a force, and faith, which humane nature in it self could not obtayne. Therefore as *Atheisme* is in all respects hatefull, So in this, that it depriveth humane nature, of the meanes to exalte it self above hu-

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destroy mans nobility. For certainly man is of kinne to the beasts by his body; and if he bee not of kin to God by his spirit, he is a base and ignoble creature. It destroys likewise magnanimity, and the raising of humane nature. For, take an example of a dog, and marke what a generosity and courage he will put on, when hee findes himselfe maintained by a man, which to him is instead of a god, or *Melior natura*: Which courage is manifestly such, as that creature, without that confidence of a better nature then his owne, could neuer attaine. So man when he resteth and assureth himselfe vpon Diuine protection and fauour; gathereth a force, and faith, which humane nature in it selfe could not obtaine. Therefore as *Atheisme* is in all respects hatefull: So in this, that it depriueth humane nature of the meanes to exalt it selfe, aboue hu-

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 ſtead of a *God*, or *Melior*
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^a *A Better Nature.* Ovid. *Metamorphoses.* i. 21.

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maine frailtye. As it is in particular persons, so it is in Nations. Never was there such a State for Magnanimitye, as *Rome*; of this State heare what *Cicero* saith, *Quam volumus licet Patres Conscripti, nos amemus; tamen nec numero Hispanos, nec robore Gallos, nec calliditate Poenos, nec artibus Græcos, nec denique hoc ipso huius gentis et terræ, domestico, natiuoque sensu Italos ipsos et Latinos; sed pietate, ac religione, atque hac una Sapientia, quod Deorum immortalium numine omnia regi, gubernarique perspeximus, omnes gentes, Nationesque superauimus.*

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²² Neuer was there. *Nunquam Gens aliqua æquauit*, 'never any State equalled.'

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^a Let us applaud ourselves as much as we please, O conscript fathers: yet it is not because we have surpassed the Spaniards in number, or the Gauls in strength, or the Carthaginians in cunning, or the Grecian in arts, or lastly the Italians and Latins themselves in that native inborn sense peculiar to this race and land; but that in piety and religion, and, in this especial wisdom, that we perceive that all things are governed by the divine power of the immortal gods, it is, that we have overcome all races and nations. Cicero. *De Haruspicum Responsis*. ix.

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28. Of Superstition.

T were better to have noe opinion of God at all, then such an opinion as is vnworthie of him; For the one is *Vnbeleife*, the other is *Contumelie*; and certainly supersticion is the reproach of the Deytie.

Atheisme leaves a Man to fence, to Philosophie, to naturall piety, to Lawes, to reputacion, all which may be guides vnto

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VI. Variations in posthumous Latin Edition of 1638.

¹ No. *Nullam aut incertam*, 'none, or an uncertain.'

² Vnworthy. *Contumeliosam, et indignam*, 'ignominious and unworthy.'

³ Contumely. *Impietatis et Opprobrii*, 'impiety and contumely.'

⁴ Eat. *Comedere et devorare*, 'eat and devour.'

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17. Of Superstition.

IT were better to
 have no¹ Opinion
 of *God* at all;
 then such an
 Opinion, as is unworthy²
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 Unbeleefe, the other is
 Contumely³: And certainly
Superstition is the Reproach
 of the *Deity*. *Plutarch* saith well to that purpose:
Surely (saith he) *I had rather, a great deale, Men*
should say, there was no such Man, at all, as Plutarch;
then that they should say, that there was one Plutarch,
that would eat⁴ his Children, as soon as they were
borne,^a as the Poets speake of Saturne. And, as the
 Contumely⁵ is greater towards *God*, so the Danger is
 greater towards Men.

Atheisme leaues⁶ a Man to
 Sense; to Philosophy; to
 Naturall Piety; to Lawes;
 to Reputation;⁷ All which
 may be Guides to an out-
 ward Morall vertue, though
Religion were not; But
Superstition dismounts all
 these, and erecteth an ab-
 solute Monarchy, in the
 Mindes of Men. There-

^a *Plutarch. De Superstitione, x.*

⁵ Contumely. *Contumelia Superstitionis*, 'contumely of superstition.'

⁶ Leaues. *Non prorsus convellit Dictamina Sensus*, 'does not entirely
 take away the dictates of sense.'

⁷ Reputation. *Bonæ Fama Desiderium*; 'desire of good reputation.'

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fore *Atheisme* did never perturb States, for it makes Men warie of themselves, as lookeing noe further. And wee see the tymes inclyned to *Atheisme*, as the tyme of *Augustus Cæsar*, and our owne tymes in some Countryes were and are civill tymes. But Superstition hath bene the Confusion, and desolacion of manie states, and bringes in a new *primum mobile* that ravysheth all the Spheres of government. The Master of Superstition is the People, and in all Superstition, wise Men followe Fooles, and Arguments are Fitted to practize, in a reversed order.

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fore *Atheisme* did neuer perturb states; for it makes men wary of themselves, as looking no further: and we see the times inclined to *Atheisme*, as the time of *Augustus Cæsar*, and our owne times in some Countries, were, and are, ciuill times. But Superstition, hath beene the confusion and dissolation of many states: and bringeth in a new *Primum Mobile* that rauisheth al the spheres of gouernment. The master of Superstition is the people: and in al superstition, wise men follow fooles; and arguments are fitted to practise, in a reuerfed order.

^b Neuer. *Raro*, 'rarely.'

^c As looking no further. *Et securitati suæ consulentes*, 'and regardful of their safety.'

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perturbe *States*; For it
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selues, as looking no
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Gouernment. The Master
of *Superstition* is the People;
And in all *Superstition*,
Wise Men follow Fooles;
And Arguments are fitted
to Practice, in a reuerfed

Order. It was grauely said, by some of the Prelates,
in the *Councell of Trent*, where the doctrine of the
Schoolemen bare great Sway; *That the Schoolemen*
were like Astronomers, which did faigne Eccentricks and
Epicycles, and such Engines of Orbs, to saue the Pheno-
mena; though they knew, there were no such Things :^a
And, in like manner, that the Schoolmen, had framed
a Number of subtile and intricate *Axiomes*, and
Theorems, to saue the practice of the Church.

^a P. Sarpi. *Historia del Concilio Tridentino*. Bk. ii. p. 222. Ed. 1619.
The passage is thus translated by N. Brent, "Some pleasant wits said, that
if the Astrologers, not knowing the true causes of the celestiall motions, to
salue the appearances, haue inuented *Eccentricks*, and *Epicycles*, it was
no wonder if the Councel, desiring to salue the appearances of the super-
celestiall motions, did fall into *excentricitie* of opinions." p. 227. Ed. 1620.

¹⁰ Ciuil. *Tranquilla*, 'quiet.'

¹¹ States. *Regnis et Rebus-publicis*, 'Kingdoms and States.'

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There is noe such Atheist, as an Hypocrite, or Impostor, and it is not possible, but where the generality is Superstitious, manie of the Leaders are Hypocrites. The causes of *Atheisme* are; divisions in Religion; scandall of Priests; and learned tymes; specially if prosperous; though for divisions, anie one mayne division addeth zeale to both sides, but manie divisions introduce *Atheisme*.

The causes of Superstition are; the pleasing of Ceremonies, the excessse of outward holynesse, the Reverence of Traditions, the stratagems of Prelates for their owne ambition, and lucre,

and barbarous tymes; specially with calamities and disasters. Superstition without his vaile is a deformed thing.

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There is no such Atheist, as an Hipocrite, or Imposter: and it is not possible, but where the generality is superstitious, many of the leaders are Hipocrits. The causes of *Atheisme* are, diuisions in Religion; scandall of Priests; and learned times; specially if prosperous; though for diuisions, any one maine diuision addeth zeale to both sides, but many diuisions introduce *Atheisme*.

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and barbarous times, specially with calamities, and disasters. Superstition without his vaile is a deformed thing,

¹² Taking an Aime . . . by Human. *Exemplorum importuna et inepta petitio ab humanis, quæ in Divina transferantur*, 'the inopportune and foolish taking of examples from human things to transfer them to divine things.'

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[*Transferred in an expanded form to the Essay,
Of Atheism : see p. 337.*]

The *Causes of Superstition*

are: Pleasing and sensuall Rites and

Ceremonies : Excesse

of Outward and Pharisaicall Holinesse ; Ouer-great

Reuerence of Traditions, which cannot but load the

The Stratagems of Prelates [Church;

for their owne Ambition

and Lucre : The Fauouring too much of good Inten-

tions, which openeth the Gate to Conceits and Nouel-

ties; The taking an Aime¹² at diuine Matters by Human,

which cannot but breed mixture of Imaginations ;¹³

And lastly, Barbarous Times,

Especially ioyned with

Calamities and Disasters.

Superstition, without a

vaile, is a deformed Thing;

¹³ Imaginations. *Fantasiarum male coherentium.* 'disconnected imaginations.'

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ffor as it addes deformity
to an Ape to be so like a
Man, so the Similitude
of Supersticion to *Religion*
makes it the more de-
formed; And as whole-
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litle wormes; so good
formes, and orders, corrupt
into a number of pettie
obseruances.

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formes and orders, corrupt
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obseruances.



¹⁴ Good. *Bonæ et sanæ*, 'good and sound.'

¹⁵ Petty. *Pusillas et superfluas*, 'petty and superfluous.'

¹⁶ Doe best. *Saniorem et puriorem viam inire*, 'enter a sounder and purer way.'

¹⁷ *After* would be had. *In Religione reformatanda*, 'in reforming religion.'

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For, as it addeth deformity
to an Ape, to be so like a
a Man; So the Similitude
of *Superstition* to *Religion*,
makes it the more de-
formed. And as whole-
some Meat corrupteth to
little Wormes; So good¹⁴
Formes and Orders, corrupt
into a Number of petty¹⁵

Obseruances. There is a *Superstition*, in auoiding
Superstition; when men thinke to doe best,¹⁶ if they
goe furthest from the *Superstition* formerly receiued:
Therefore, Care would be had,¹⁷ that, (as it fareth in
ill Purgings¹⁸) the Good be not taken away, with the
Bad;¹⁹ which commonly is done, when the People is
the Reformer.²⁰



¹⁴ Ill Purgings. *In Corpore purgando*, 'in purging of the body.'

¹⁹ Bad. *Corruptis*, 'corrupt.'

²⁰ Reformer. *Reformatio regitur a Populo*, 'reformation is directed by the people.'

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29. Of Praise.



Raife is the Reflexion of vertue, but it is as the glasse, or body, is which giveth the reflexion; if it be from the Common People it is commonly false, and naught, and rather followeth vayne persons, then vertuous. For the Common People vnderstand not manie excellent vertues; The lowest vertues drawe praise from them, the middell vertues worke in them astonishment, or admiracion, but of the highest vertues they have noe sence, or perceiving att all. But shewes, and *Species virtutibus similes* serve best with them. Certainly Fame is like a River that beareth vp thinges light, and swolne, and drownes thinges weightie, and solid: But if persons of quality and Iudgement concurre,

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35. Of Praise.



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¹ Or the Bodie. *Trahit aliquid e Natura Corporis*, 'it draws something from the nature of the body.'

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53. Of Praise.



Praise is the Reflection of Vertue. But it is as the Glasse or Bodie,¹ which giueth the Reflection. If it be from the Common People, it is commonly False and Naught: And rather followeth Vaine² Persons, then Vertuous: For the Common People vnderstand not many Excellent Vertues: The Lowest Vertues draw *Praise* from them; the middle Vertues worke in them Astonishment, or Admiration; But of the Highest Vertues, they haue no Sense, or Perceiuing at all. But Shewes, and *Species virtutibus similes*,^a serue best with them. Certainly, Fame is like a Riuer, that beareth vp Things Light and Swolne, And Drownes Things waighty and Solide: But if persons of Qualitie and Iudgement concurre,³

^a *Qualities resembling virtues.* Tacitus. *Annales.* xv. 48.

² Vaine. *Vanos et tumidos*, 'vain and pompous.'

³ Concurre. *Cum vulgo concurrunt*, 'concur with the common people.'

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then it is as the Scripture faieſth) *Nomen bonum inſtar unguenti fragrantis*, it filleth all round about, and will not eaſily away. For the odours of Oyntementes, are more durable then thoſe of Flowers. There be ſo manie falſe pointes of praiſe, that a Man may juſtly hold it ſuſpect. Some praiſes proceede meerly of flattery, and if hee be an ordinary Flatterer, he will have certaine Common Attributes which may ſerve every Man; If he be a Cunning Flatterer he will followe the Archflatterer which is a Mans ſelf, and wherein a Man thinketh beſt of himſelf therein the Flatterer will vphold him moſt; But if he be an impudent Flatterer, looke wherein a Man is conſcient to himſelf, that he is moſt defective, and is moſt out of countenance in himſelf, that will the flatterer in-

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* Common. *Communibus . . . non quaſiſtis aut oppoſitis*, 'common . . . not ſtudied or appropriate.'

† A Man thinketh beſt. *Tibi places, aut teipſum excellere putas*, 'please yourſelf, or think that you excel.'

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then it is, (as the Scripture
saith) *Nomen bonum instar
unguenti fragrantis.*^a It
filleth all round about, and
will not easily away. For
the Odours of Oyntments,
are more Durable, then
those of Flowers. There
be so many False Points of
Praise, that a Man may
justly hold it a Suspect.
Some *Praises* proceed
meerely of Flattery; And
if hee be an Ordinary
Flatterer, he will haue cer-
taine Common⁴ Attributes,
which may serue euery
Man; If he be a Cunning
Flatterer, he will follow the
Arch-flatterer, which is a
Mans selfe; and wherein a
Man thinketh best⁵ of him-
selfe, therein the Flatterer
will vphold⁶ him most: But
if he be an Impudent⁷
Flatterer, look wherin a
Man is Conscious to him-
selfe, that he is most De-
fectiue, and is most out of
Countenance in himselfe,
that will the Flatterer En-

^a Eccles. vii. 1.

⁶ Uphold. *lis inhaerebit*, 'will keep to those.'

⁷ Impudent. *Impudens, et perfrictae Frontis*, 'impudent and of a shame-
less forehead.'

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title him to perforce
Spreta Conscientia. Some
 praises come of good
 wishes and respects,
 which is a forme due in
 Civility to *Kings* and
 great persons; *laudando*
præcipere; when by telling
 Men what they are, they
 represent to them what
 they should bee. Some
 Men are praised mali-
 ciously to their hurt, there-
 by to stirre envy and
 Iealousie towards them;
peffimum genus inimi-
corum laudantium.

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Peffimum genus inimi-
corum laudantium.

Certainly
 moderate praise vsed with
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 gar, but appropriate, is
 that which doth the good
Salomon saith *He that*
praiseth his freind alowde,
rising early; it shalbe to him
noe better then a Curse.
 Too much magnifying of
 Man, or matter, doth irri-

Certainly
 moderate praise vsed with
 opportunity, and not vul-
 gar, but appropriate, is
 that which doth the good.
Salomon saith, *Hee that*
praiseth his friend aloud,
rising early, it shall bee to
him no better then a curse.
 Too much magnifying of
 man or matter, doth irri-

⁸ Entitle. *Imputabit, et affiget*, 'impute and attribute.'

⁹ Represent. *Humiliter moneas*, 'humbly warn.'

¹⁰ Nose. *Nari*, 'nostril.'

¹¹ Is that which doth the Good. *Honori vel maxime esse*, 'is a very great honour.'

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title⁸ him, to perforce,
Spretâ Conscientiâ.^a Some
Praises come of good
 Wishes, and Respects,
 which is a Forme due in
 Ciuilitie to Kings, and
 Great Persons, *Laudando*
præcipere;^b When by telling
 Men, what they are, they
 represent⁹ to them, what
 they should be. Some
 Men are *Praised* Mali-
 ciously to their Hurt, ther-
 by to stirre Enuie and
 Iealousie towards them;
Pessimum genus Inimi-
corum laudantium;^c In so much as it was a Prouerb,
 amongst the *Grecians*; that, *He that was praised to his*
*Hurt, should haue a Push rise vpon his Nose.*¹⁰ As we
 say; *That a Blister will rise vpon ones Tongue, that*
tell's a lye. Certainly
 Moderate *Praise*, vsed with
 Opportunity, and not Vul-
 gar, is
 that which doth the Good.¹¹
Salomon faith, *He that*
praiseth his Friend aloud,
Rising Early, it shall be to
him, no better then a Curse.^d
 Too much Magnifying of
 Man or Matter, doth irri-

^a In disdain of conscience.

^b To teach in praising.

^c The worst kind of enemies, eulogists. Tacitus. *Agricola.* 47

^d Prov. xxvii. 14.

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tate Contradiccion, and
procure Envy and fkorne.

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tate contradiction, and
procure enuie and fcorne.



¹² Enuie. Omitted in the Latin.

¹³ After Profession. *Aut studia quibus se addixit*, 'or the studies to which he is given.'

¹⁴ Sbirrerie. *Hispanico Vocabulo, Sbirrarias*, 'by the Spanish word, Sbirrerie.'

¹⁵ Which is Vnder-Sheriffries. Omitted in the Latin.'

¹⁶ Though many times . . . Speculations. *Ac si Artes illæ memoratæ, magis ejusmodi Homines, quam in Fastigio Cardinalatus positos, decerent:*

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tate Contradiction, and procure Enuie¹² and Scorne.

To *Praise* a Mans selfe, cannot be Decent, except it be in rare Cafes: But to *Praise* a Mans Office or Profession,¹³ he may doe it with Good Grace, and with a Kinde of Magnanimitie. The *Cardinals* of *Rome*, which are Theologues, and Friars, and Schoole-men, haue a phrafe of Notable Contempt and Scorne, towards Ciuill Bufineffe: For they call all Temporall Bufineffe, of Warres, Embassages, Iudicature, and other Emploiments, *Sbirrerie*^a; ¹⁴ which is, *Vnder Sheriffries*; ¹⁵ As if they were but matters for Vnder-Sheriffes and Catchpoles; Though many times,¹⁶ those *Vndersheriffries* doe more good, then their High Speculations. St. *Paul*, when he boasts of himselfe, he doth oft enterlace; *I speake like a Foole*; ^b But speaking of his Calling, he saith; ¹⁷ *Magnificabo Apostolatium meum.*^c



^a 'Sbirro' in Italian, means a *bailiff, catchpole, constable*.

^b 2 Cor. xi. 23.

^c Rom. xi. 13.

Et tamen (si Res rite ponderetur.) Speculativa cum Civilibus non male miscentur, 'as if the above-mentioned arts are more fitted for men of that kind than for those placed on the pinnacle of the Cardinalate; and yet (if it is rightly considered) speculation is not ill mixed with civil matters.'

¹⁷ Saith. *Nihil veretur dicere*, 'is not afraid to say.'

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30. Of Nature, in men.



Nature is often hidden, sometimes overcome, seldom extinguished. Force maketh nature more violent in the retourne. Doctrine, and discourse maketh nature lesse importune. But Custome onely doth alter nature. Hee that seeketh victorie over his nature, lett him not sett himself to great nor to smale Taskes; For the First will make him deiected by often failes, and the second will make him a smale proceeder though by often prevaylinges. And at the first lett him practise with helpes, as Swymmers doe with bladders, or Rushes, but after a tyme, lett him practize with disadvantages, as danciers doe with thicke shoes. Ffor it breeds great perfection if the practise be harder then the vse. Where

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26. Of Nature in Men,



Nature is often hidden, sometimes overcome; seldom extinguished. Force maketh nature more violent in the returne: doctrine and discourse maketh nature lesse importune; but custome onely doth alter and subdue nature. Hee that seeketh victorie ouer his nature, let him not fet himselfe to great, nor to small taskes. For the first will make him deiected by often failes; and the second will make him a small proceeder, though by often preuailings. And at the first let him practise with helps as Swimmers doe with bladders, or rushes: but after a time let him practise with disadvantages, as dauncers do with thicke shooes. For it breeds great perfection, if the Practise bee harder then the vse. Wher

VI. Variations in posthumous Latin Edition of 1638.

¹ TITLE. *De Natura, et Indole Naturali in Hominibus*, 'of nature and natural disposition in men.'

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38. Of Nature in Men.¹

Nature is Often Hid-
den; Sometimes
Ouercome; Sel-
dome Extin-
guished. Force maketh
Nature more violent in
the Returne: Doctrine
and Discourse maketh
*Nature*² lesse Importune:³
But Custome onely doth
alter and subdue *Nature*.
Hee that seeketh Victory
ouer his *Nature*, let him
not set Himselfe too great,
nor too small Tasks: For
the first, will make him
deiected by often Fayl-
ings; And the Second
will make him a small
Proceeder, though by often
Preuailings. And at the
first, let him practise with
Helps, as Swimmers⁴ doe
with Bladders, or Rushes:
But after a Time, let him
practise with disaduanta-
ges, as Dancers doe with
thick Shooes. For it
breeds great Perfection,
if the Practise be harder
then the vse. Where

² Nature. *Affectus Naturales*, 'the natural dispositions.'

³ After Importune. *Sed non tollunt*, 'but do not remove them' [*i.e.* the natural dispositions].

⁴ Swimmers. *Natatores recentes*, 'new swimmers.'

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nature is mightie, and
therefore the victorie hard,
the degrees had neede be
first to stay and arrest
nature in tyme,

then to goe lesse in
quantitie

and lastlie to discontynue
altogether. But if a Man
have the fortitude and
resolucion to infranchise
himself at once, that is
the best

*Optimus ille animi vin-
dex lædentia pectus
Vincula qui rupit de-
doluitque semel.*

Neither is it
amisse to bend na-
ture to a con-
trarye extreame,

where it
is noe vice. Lett not
a man force a habitt vponn

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nature is mighty, and
therefore the victorie hard;
the degrees had need bee,
first to stay and arrest
nature in time: like to him
that would say ouer the
foure and twenty letters
when he was an-
gry, then to go lesse in
quantitie; as if one should
in forbearing wine come
from drinking healthes,
to a draught a meale;
and lastlie to discontinue
altogether. But if a man
haue the fortitude and
resolucion to infranchise
himsel at once that is
the best;

*Optimus ille animi vin-
dex lædentia pectus
Vincula qui rupit, de-
doluitque semel.*

Neither is the ancient
rule amisse, to bend na-
ture as a wand, to a con-
trary extreame, whereby to
set it right; vnderstanding
it, where the contrary ex-
treme is no vice. Let not
a man force a habite vpon

⁵ Arrest. Omitted in the Latin.

⁶ Foure and Twenty. *Alphabeti*, 'of the Alphabet.'

⁷ After Letters. *Priusquam quicquam faceret*, 'before he did anything.'

⁸ Before to Goe lesse. *Naturam moderari, et*, 'to moderate nature and.'

⁹ Drinking Healths. *Majoribus Haustibus*, 'greater draughts.'

¹⁰ A Draught at a Meale. *Ad minores*, 'to less draughts.'

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Nature is Mighty, and
 therefore the Victory hard,
 the Degrees had need be ;
 First to Stay and Arrest⁵
Nature in Time ; Like to
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 gry : Then ⁸to Goe lesse in
 Quantity ; As if onesould,
 in forbearing Wine, come
 from Drinking Healths,⁹ to
 a Draught at a Meale :¹⁰
 And lastly, to Discontinue¹¹
 altogether. But if a Man
 haue the Fortitude, and
 Resolution, to enfranchise¹²
 Himselfe at once, that is
 the best ;

*Optimus illi Animi Vin-
 dex, lædentiæ pectus
 Vincula qui rupit, de-
 doliuitque semel.^a*

Neither is the Ancient
 Rule amisse, to bend *Nature*
 as a Wand, to a Con-
 trary Extreme, whereby to
 fet it right : Vnderstanding
 it, where the Contrary Ex-
 treme is no Vice.¹³ Let not
 a man force a Habit vpon

^a *He is the best vindicator of his mind who breaks the chains that afflict his breast, and ceases to grieve once for all.* Ovid. *Remedia Amoris*. i. 293, 4.

¹¹ Discontinue. *Naturam penitus sub jugum mittere, et domare*, 'to put nature altogether under the yoke, and tame it.'

¹² Enfranchise. *Eximere et vindicare*, 'free and deliver.'

¹³ Is no Vice. *In Vitium non ducat*, 'does not lead to vice.'

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himself with a perpetuall continuance, but with some intermission: For both the pause reinfoceth the new Onsett; and if a Man that is not perfitt be ever in practise, he shall aswell practize his errors, as his abilities, and induce one habitt of both, and there is noe meanes to helpe this, but by seasonable intermissions.

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Mans nature is best perceived in priuatnesse, For there is noe affectacion, in passion for that putteth a Man out of his preceptes, and in a new Case, or experiment, for there custome leaveth him. They are happie Men whose natures fort with their vo-

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¹⁴ Reinfoceth. *Redintegrat, et adauget*, 'reinforceth and increaseth'

¹⁵ That is not perfect. *Dum Tyronem agit*, 'while he is a pupil.'

¹⁶ Practise. *Imbibat*, 'drinking.'

¹⁷ And induce one Habite of both. Omitted in the Latin.

¹⁸ Trust. *Triumphum Accinas*, 'sing a triumph.'

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himselfe, with a Perpetuall Continuance, but with some Intermission. For both the Pause, reinforceth¹⁴ the new Onset; And if a Man, that is not perfect,¹⁵ be euer in Practise, he shall as well practise¹⁶ his Errors, as his Abilities; And induce one Habite of both.¹⁷ And there is no Meanes to helpe this, but by Seasonable Intermissions. But let not a Man trust¹⁸ his Victorie ouer his *Nature* too farre;¹⁹ For *Nature* will lay buried a great Time, and yet reuiue, vpon the Occasion or Temptation.²⁰ Like as it was with *Æsopes Damofell*, turned from a Catt to a Woman; who sate very demurely, at the Boards End, till a Mouse ranne before her. Therefore let a Man, either auoid the Occasion altogether; Or put Himselfe often to it, that hee may be little moued with it. A Mans *Nature* is best perceiued in Priuatenesse, for there is no Affectation; In Passion, for that putteth a Man out of his Precepts;²¹ And in a new Case or Experiment,²² for there Custome leaueth him. They are happie Men, whose *Natures* fort with their Vo-

¹⁹ Farre. *Cito*, 'soon.'

²⁰ Temptation. Omitted in the Latin.

²¹ Precepts. *Præcepta et Regulas*, 'precepts and rules.'

²² Experiment. *Insolito*, 'unaccustomed.'

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cations, otherwise they may say *Multum incola fuit anima mea*; when they converse in those things they doe not affect. In Studies whatsoever a man commaundeth vponn himself, lett him sett howers for it: But whatsoever is agreeable to his nature, lett him take noe care for anie sett tymes, For his thoughtes will flye to it of themselves, so as the spaces of other businesse, or studies will suffice.

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cations, otherwise they may say, *Multum incola fuit anima mea*, when they conuerse in those things they doe not affect. In studies whatsoever a man commandeth vpon himselfe, let him set houres for it. But whatsoever is agreeable to his nature, let him take no care for any set times: For his thoughts will flye to it of themselues; so as the spaces of other businesse or studies will suffice.



²³ Vocations. *Vita quæ Genere*, 'kind of life.'

²⁴ When they conuerse . . . Affect. Omitted in the Latin.

²⁵ Commandeth vpon himselfe. *A Natura tua alienum repperis*, 'find foreign to your nature.'

²⁶ Houres for it. *Stata tempora ad ejusdem Exercitationes et Meditationes*, 'set times for exercise and meditation upon it.'

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cations;²³ Otherwise they may say, *Multùm Incola fuit Anima mea.*^a when they conuerse in those Things, they doe not Affect.²⁴ In Studies, whatsoeuer a Man commandeth vpon himselfe,²⁵ let him set Houres for it.²⁶ But whatsoeuer is agreeable to his *Nature*, let him take no Care, for any set Times: For his Thoughts, will flie to it of Themselues; So as the Spaces of other Businesse, or Studies, will suffice.²⁷ A Mans *Nature* runnes²⁸ either to Herbes, or Weeds; Therefore let him seasonably²⁹ Water the One, and Destroy the Other.



^a Ps. cxix. 6. (Vulgate). In the Douay version of 1609 this verse is translated *My soul hath been long a sojourner:* and in the Authorized Version, it stands, *My soul hath long dwelt with him that hateth peace.*

²⁷ So as the Spaces . . . suffice. *Prout Negotia et Studia cætera permittent,* 'as other business and studies will allow.'

²⁸ Runnes. *Ex vi innata, producit,* 'produces from its inborn force.'

²⁹ Seasonably. *Sedulo et tempestive,* 'carefully and seasonably.'

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27. Of Custome and Education.



Ens thoughtes are much according to their naturall inclinacion,

their speaches according to their learnings and infused opinions, But their deedes are after as they have bene accustomed. And therefore as *Macciauell* well noteth (though in an Evill favoured instance), there is noe trusting to the force of *Nature* nor to the bravery of wordes, except it be corroborate by Custome. His instance is, that for the atchieving of a desperate Conspiracie a Man should not rest vpon the fiercenes of any Mans nature, or his resolute Vndertakeinges, but take such a one as hath had his handes formerly in blood. But *Macciauell* knewe not of a Fryer *Clement*, nor a *Ravillac*, nor

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VII. Variations in posthumous Latin Edition of 1638.

¹ As they have bene Accustomed. *Ferme antiquum obtinent*, 'mostly take the old course.'

² Desperate Conspiracie. *Facinore aliquo audaci et crudeli*, 'some bold and cruel deed.'

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39. Of Custome and Education.



Ens Thoughts are much according to their Inclination: Their Discourfe and Speeches according to their Learning, and Infused Opinions; But their Deeds are after as they haue beene *Accustomed*.¹ And therefore, as *Macciauel* well noteth (though in an euill fauoured Instance) There is no Trusting to the Force of Nature, nor to the Brauery of Words; Except it be Corroborate by *Custome*. His Instance is, that for the Atchieuing of a desperate Conspiracie,² a Man should not rest vpon the Fiercenesse of any mans Nature, or his Resolute Vndertakings;³ But take such an one, as hath had his Hands formerly in Bloud.^{4a} But *Macciauel* knew not of a *Friar Clement*, nor a *Rauillac*, nor

^a Machiavelli. *Discorsi sopra la prima Deca di Tito Livio*. iii. 6.

³ Vndertakings. *Promissis, nedum Juramentis*, 'promises, nor even oaths.'

¹ Hath had his Hands formerly in Bloud. *Sanguinolentis, et jamdudum cadibus assuetis*, 'bloody and long accustomed to slaughter.'

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a *Iaureguy*, nor a *
 , yet his rule
 holdeth still, that Nature,
 nor the ingagemēt of
 word, are not so forcible
 as Custome. Onely Super-
 stition is now so well ad-
 vanced that Men of the
 first blood, are as firme
 as Butchers by occupacion,
 and votarie resolution is
 made equipollent to Custome
 in matter of
 blood. In other things
 the predominancye of Custome
 is every where visible,
 in soe much as a Man
 would wonder to heare
 Men professe, protest, in-
 gage, give great wordes,
 and then doe iust, as they
 have done before, as if
 they were dead Images,
 and Ingines moved onely
 by custome.

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Gerard. Yet his rule
 holdeth still, that nature,
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 words are not so forcible
 as custome. Onely Super-
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 first blood, are as firme,
 as butchers by occupation:
 and votarie resolution is
 made equipollent to cus-
 tome, even in matter of
 blood. In other things
 the predominancy of cus-
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 ble; in so much as a man
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 and then doe iust, as they
 haue done before: as if
 they were dead Images
 and Engins moued only
 by the wheelles of custome.

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⁵ After Gerard. *Ant Guidone Faulxio*, 'or Guy Fawkes.'

⁶ After Words. *Et Ferociam*, 'and ferocity.'

⁷ As they haue Done before. *Istis omnibus posthabitis, pro more consuetudo agere*, 'putting all these on one side, do according to their usual habit.'

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a *Iaureguy*, nor a *Baltazar Gerard*:⁵ yet his Rule holdeth still, that Nature, nor the Engagement of Words,⁶ are not so forcible, as *Custome*. Onely Superstition is now so well advanced, that Men of the first Blood, are as Firme, as Butchers by Occupation: And votary Resolution is made Equipollent to *Custome*, euen in matter of Blood. In other Things, the Predominancy of *Custome* is euery where Visible; In so much, as a Man would wonder, to heare Men Professe, Protest, Engage, Giue Great Words, and then Doe iust as they haue Done before:⁷ As if they were Dead Images, and Engines moued⁸ onely by the wheelles of *Custome*.

We see also the Raigne⁹ or Tyrannie of *Custome*, what it is. The *Indians* (I meane the Sect of their Wise Men)¹⁰ lay Themselves quietly vpon a Stacke of Wood, and so Sacrifice themselves by fire. Nay the Wiues striue to be burned¹¹ with the Corpes of¹² their Husbands. The Lads of *Sparta*, of Ancient Time, were wont to be Scourged vpon the Altar of *Diana*, without

⁵ Moued. *Impulsæ et actæ*, 'impelled and driven.'

⁶ Raigne. Omitted in the Latin.

¹⁰ Sect of their Wise Men. *Gymnosophistis, et Veteribus et Modernis*, 'Gymnosophists, both ancient and modern.'

¹¹ Buried. *In Rogum immitti*, 'put on the funeral pile.'

¹² The Corpes of. Omitted in the Latin.

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Therefore since Custome is the principall Magistrate of Mans life, lett Men by all meanes endeavour to obteyne good Customes. Certainly Custome is most perfite when it beginneth in young yeares. This wee call *Education*, which is nothing but an early Custome,

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¹³ Queching. *Vix ejulatu, aut gemitu ullo emisso*, 'scarcely uttering a cry or groan.'

¹⁴ Of England. Omitted in the Latin.

¹⁵ Penance. *Ad Pœnitentiam complendam*, 'to perform penance.'

¹⁶ Will sit. *Non recusabunt sedere*, 'will not refuse to sit.'

¹⁷ Night. *Nocte hyemali*, 'winter's night.'

¹⁸ Hard. Omitted in the Latin.

¹⁹ Force. *Plane stupendas vires*, 'truly astounding force.'

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fo much as Queching.¹³ I remember in the beginning of *Queene Elizabeths* time of *England*,¹⁴ an *Irish Rebelt* Condemned, put vp a Petition to the *Deputie*, that he might be hanged in a With, and not in a Halter, because it had beene so vsed, with former *Rebels*. There be *Monkes* in *Rufsia*, for Penance,¹⁵ that will sit¹⁶ a whole Night,¹⁷ in a Veffell of Water, till they be Ingaged with hard¹⁸ Ice. Many Examples may be put, of the Force¹⁹ of *Cuslome*, both vpon Minde, and Body. Therefore, since *Cuslome* is the Principall Magistrate²⁰ of Mans life; Let Men by all Meanes endeavour, to obtaine good *Customes*. Certainly, *Cuslome* is most perfect,²¹ when it beginneth in Young Yeares: This we call *Education*; which is, in effect, but an *Early*²² *Cuslome*. So we see, in Languages²³ the Tongue is more Pliant to all Expreffions and Sounds, the Ioints are more Supple²⁴ to all Feats of Actiuitie,²⁵ and Motions, in Youth²⁶ then afterwards. For it is true, that late Learners, cannot so well take the Plie;²⁷ Except it be in some Mindes, that haue not suffered themselves to fixe, but haue

²⁰ Magistrate. *Moderator et Magistratus*, 'governor and magistrate.'

²¹ Perfect. *Validissima*, 'strongest.'

²² Early. *A teneris annis imbibita*, 'imbibed from tender years.'

²³ Languages. *Linguis ediscendis*, 'learning languages.'

²⁴ Supple. *Agiles et flexiles*, 'agile and flexible.'

²⁵ Feats of Actiuitie. *Posituras*, 'postures.'

²⁶ Youth. *Pueritia, aut Adolescentia*, 'boyhood or youth.'

²⁷ Plie. *Novam plicam*, 'new ply.'

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kept themselves open, and prepared to receive continuall amendement; which is exceeding rare. But if the force of Custome simple, and separate be greate; the force of Custome copulate, and conioyn'd and in troupe is farre greater. For theire example teacheth, Companie Comforteth, æmulation quickneth, Glorie rayseth; so as in such places the force of Custome is in his exaltacion. Certainly the great multiplicacion of vertues vponn humane nature resteth vponn Societies well ordayn'd, and disciplin-ed. For Common wealthes, and good gouernementes doe nourishe vertue growne, but doe not mend the Seedes. But the miserie is, that the most effectuall meanes are nowe applyed to the endes left to be desired.

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²⁸ Prepared. Omitted in the Latin.

²⁹ To receive. *Ad omnia Præcepta, quo recipere*, 'to all instruction, so as to receive.'

³⁰ Raiseth. *Animos extollit*, 'raiseth the spirits.'

³¹ Force. *Vires et influxus*, 'force and flow.'

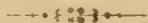
³² Multiplication. *Multiplicatio et (ut Chymicorum Vocabulo utar) Projectio*, 'the multiplication and (to use a chemist's word) the projection.'

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kept themfelues open and prepared,²⁸ to receiue²⁹ continuall Amendment, which is exceeding Rare. But if the Force of *Cufstome* Simple and Separate, be Great; the Force of *Cufstome* Copulate, and Conioyned, and Collegiate, is far Greater. For there Example teacheth; Company comforteth; Emulation quickeneth; Glory raifeth:³⁰ So as in fuch Places the Force³¹ of *Cufstome* is in his Exaltation. Certainly, the great Multiplication³² of Vertues³³ vpon Humane Nature, refteth upon Societies well Ordained, and Disciplined.³⁴ For Commonwealths,³⁵ and Good Gouernments,³⁶ doe nourifh Vertue Growne,³⁷ but doe not much mend the feeds. But the Mifery is,³⁸ that themoft Effectuall Meanes, are now applied, to the Ends, leaft to be defired.



²⁸ Of Vertues. Omitted in the Latin.

³⁴ Disciplined. *Disciplina salubri informatis*, 'fashioned by wholesome discipline.'

³⁵ Commonwealths. *Respublicæ recte administratæ*, 'Commonwealths well administered.'

³⁶ Gouernments. *Leges*, 'laws.'

³⁷ Crowne. *In Herba*, 'in the blade.'

³⁸ The Misery is. *Infelicitatis Orbis hoc habet*, 'the world has this misery.'

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32. Of Fortune.



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28. Of Fortune.



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And the most frequent of external causes is, that the folly of one man is the fortune of another. For no man prospers so suddenly, as by others errors. *Serpens nisi serpentem comederit non fit Draco.* Ouert, and apparant vertues bring foorth praise, but there bee hidden and secret vertues that bring forth fortune. Certaine deliueries of a mans selfe which haue no name. The *Spanish* word *Derem-*

VI. Variations in posthumous Latin Edition of 1638.

¹ Accidents. *Accidentia et Casus*, 'accidents and chances.'

² Fortune. *Ad Hominum Fortunas, vel promovendas, vel deprimendas, plurimum possint*, 'have much power in promoting or depressing the fortunes of men.'

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40. Of Fortune.



It cannot be denied, but Outward Accidents¹ conduce much to *Fortune*:² Fauour,³ Opportunitie, Death of Others, Occasion fitting Vertue. But chiefly, the Mould of a Mans *Fortune*, is in his owne hands. *Faber quisque Fortunæ suæ*;^a faith the Poet.⁴ And the most Frequent of Externall Causes is, that the Folly of one Man, is the *Fortune*⁵ of Another. For no Man prospers so suddenly, as by Others Errours. *Serpens nisi Serpentem comederit non fit Draco*.^b Ouert, and Apparent vertues bring forth Praife; But there be Secret and Hidden Vertues, that bring Forth *Fortune*. Certaine Deliueries⁶ of a Mans Selfe, which haue no Name. The Spanish Name, *Defem-*

^a Every one the architect of his own fortune.

^b A serpent, unless it has eaten a serpent, does not become a dragon.

³ Fauour. *Gratia alicujus ex Magnatibus*, 'favour of some great men.'

⁴ Poet. *Comicus*, 'comic poet.'

⁵ Is the Fortune. *Fortunam promovere*, 'promotes the fortune.'

⁶ Deliueries. *Facultates nonnullæ se expediendi*, 'certain means of delivering oneself.'

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boltura sheweth them best;
when there be noe
stondes, nor restiuenesse
in a Mans nature ;

For so faieth *Liuye* well
after he had described *Cato*
Maior in theis wordes *In*
illo viro tantum robur
corporis, et animi fuit, vt
quocunque loco natus esset
fortunam sibi facturum
videretur, he falleth vponn
that, that he had, *versa-*
tile ingenium. Certainly
if a Man looke sharply
and accentively hee shall
see Fortune ; for thoughe
she be blinde, yet she is
not invifible. The way
of *Fortune* is like the
Milken way in the Sky,
which is a meeting or
knott of a number of
fmale Starres ;

so are there a
number of litle and
scarce discerned vertues,
or rather facultyes, and
Customes, that make Men
fortunate. The *Italians*
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small starres ; not seene
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together. So are there a
number of little and
scarfe discerned vertues,
or rather faculties and
customes, that make men
fortunate. The *Italians*
some of them, such as

⁷ Restiuenesse. *Imbedimenta*, 'hindrances.'

⁸ Sharply. *Limis Oculis*, 'askance.'

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boltura,^a partly expresseth them: When there be not Stonds, nor Restiuenesse⁷ in a Mans Nature. But that the wheelles of his Minde keepe way, with the wheelles of his *Fortune*.

For so *Liui* (after he had described *Cato Maior*, in these words; *In illo viro, tantum Robur Corporis et Animi fuit, vt quocunque loco natus esset, Fortunam sibi facturus videretur*;) ^bfalleth vpon that, that he had, *Versatile Ingenium*. Therfore, if a Man looke Sharply,⁸ and Attentiuely, he shall see *Fortune*: For though shee be Blinde, yet shee is not Inuisible. The Way of *Fortune*, is like the *Milken Way* in the Skie; Which is a Meeting or Knot, of a Number of Small Stars; Not Seene afunder, but Giuing Light together. So are there, a Number of Little, and scarfe discerned Vertues, or rather Faculties and Customes, that make Men *Fortunate*. The *Italians* note some of them, such as

^a *Desemboltura* in Spanish means, *airiness, impudence, confidence*.

^b In that man there was such strength of body and mind, that in what-
ever place he might have been born, it would seem that he would have made
Fortune his own. Livy. xxxix. 40.

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them; *Poco di Matto*; when they speake of one that cannott doe amisse.

And certainly there be not two more fortunate properties, then to have a litle of the foole, and not to much of the honest. Therefore extreame Lovers of their Countrye, or Maisters, were never fortunate, neither can they be; For when a Man placeth his thoughtes without himself, he goeth not his owne way. An hasty *Fortune* maketh an Enterpriser, and Remover (the *French* hath it better *Entreprenant*, or *Remuant*,) but the exercised fortune maketh the Able man; Fortune is to be honoured and respected and it be but for her daughters, *Confidence* and *reputation*, for those two foelicitye breedeth, the first in a Mans self, the later in

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a man would little thinke, when they speake of one that cannot doe amisse, they will throw in into his other conditions, that he hath *Poco di matto*.

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⁹ Cannot doe amisse. *Cui prosperam Fortunam spondent*, 'for whom they expect prosperous fortune.'

¹⁰ Masters. *Principes*, 'princes.'

¹¹ Remouer. *Nonnihil turbulentos*, 'somewhat restless.'

¹² The French. . . . Remuant. Omitted in the Latin.

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 and Respected,¹⁴ and it
 bee but for her Daughters,
Confidence, and *Reputation*.
 For those two Felicities¹⁵
 breedeth: The first within
 a Mans Selfe; the Latter,

^a *Poco di Matto* in Italian means, *a little out of his senses, a little mad.*

¹³ Able. *Prudentes et Cordatos*, 'wise and judicious.'

¹⁴ Honoured and Respected. *Honorem meretur*, 'deserves honour.'

¹⁵ Felicities. *Fortuna prospera*, 'favourable fortune.'

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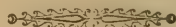
All wise Men to declyne
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vertues vsf to ascribe them
to providence, and Fortune,
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openly to much to their
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to the state of his go-
uernment, often interlaced
this speech. *And in
this, fortune had no part;*
neuer prospered in any
thing he vndertooke after-
wards.



¹⁶ *After Towards Him. Eæque vicissim pariunt Animos et Auctoritatem,*
'and these in turn produce courage and influence.'

¹⁷ Better. *Decentius et liberius,* 'more fittingly and freely.'

¹⁸ Greatnesse. *Majestatem quandam addit,* 'adds a sort of greatness.'

¹⁹ Be the Care. *Si videretur Curæ esse,* 'if he seems to be the care.'

²⁰ To the State. Omitted in the Latin.

²¹ Often. *Ad ravim usque,* 'to hoarseness.'

²² Slide, and Easinesse. *Majore cum facilitate fluunt,* 'flow with more easiness.'

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 All Wise Men, to decline
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 vertues, vse to ascribe them
 to Prouidence and *Fortune*;
 For so they may the
 better¹⁷ assume them: And
 besides, it is Greatnesse¹⁸
 in a Man, to be the Care,¹⁹
 of the Higher Powers. So *Cæsar* said to the Pilot in
 the Tempest, *Cæsarem portas, et Fortunam eius.*^a So
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Homers Verses, that haue a Slide, and Easinesse,²²
 more then the Verses of other Poets: As *Plutarch*
 saith^d of *Timoleons Fortune*, in respect of that of
Agefilaus, or *Epaminondas*. And that this should be,
 no doubt it is much, in a Mans Selfe.

^a *Thou carriest Caesar and his fortunes.* Plutarch. *Cæsar.* xxxviii.

^b Plutarch. *Sylla.* xxxiv.

^c Plutarch. *Sylla.* vi. 5.

^d Plutarch. *Timoleon.* xxxv. 1.

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33. Of Death.



En feare death
as Children feare
to goe in the
darke; and as
that naturall feare in
Children is encreased with
Tales, so is the other.
Certainly the feare
of death in contempla-
tion of the cause of it,
and the yssue of it
is religious, but the
feare of it for it self
is weake.

Yet in religious medita-
tions there is
mixture of vanitie and of
Superstition. You shall
reade in some of the
Ffryers Bookes of Mortifi-
cation, that a Man should
thinke with himself what
the payne is, if he have
but his fingers end pressed,
or tortured, and thereby
imagine what the paynes
of death are, when the
whole body is corrupted,
and dissolued; when manie
tymes death passeth with
lesse payne then the tor-

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don't play
natural fear
discrepancy
in position

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¹ Tales. *Fabulosis quibusdam Terriculamentis*, 'by fictitious terrors.'

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Men feare *Death*,
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 tion of *Death*, as the wages
 of sinne, and Passage to
 another world, is Holy,
 and Religious; But the
 Feare of it, as a Tribute
 due vnto Nature, is weake.²
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¹ natural / religious

poetized; ennobled

² Wenke. *Infirma et inanis*, 'weak and empty.

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most vitall partes are not
the quickeſt of fence. And

to ſpeake

as a Philoſopher, or
naturall Man it was well
ſaid *Pompa Mortis, magis
terret, quam mors ipſa*;
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and a diſcolored face,
and frendes weeping, and
Blackes, and obſequies,
and the like ſhewe death
terrible. It is worthie the
obſerving that theare is noe
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enimy when a

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ers about him, that cann
Wynne the Combate of it.
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death, love eſteemes it
not, Honour aſpireth to it,
delivery from ignominie
chuſeth it, greif flyeth
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deliuery from *Ignominy*
chuſeth it, *Griefe* flieth
to it, *Feare* preoccu-
pateth it: nay wee ſee
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² Groanes. *Gemitus et Singultus*, 'groans and sighs.'

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ture of a Limme: For the most vitall parts, are not the quickeſt of Senſe. And by him, that ſpake onely as a Philoſopher, and Naturall Man, it was well ſaid; *Pompa Mortis magis terret, quàm Mors ipſa.*^a Groanes³ and Conuulſions, and a diſcoloured Face,⁴ and Friends weeping, and Blackes, and Obſequies, and the like, ſhew *Death* Terrible. It is worthy the obſeruing, that there is no paſſion in the minde of man, ſo weake, but it Mates, and Maſters, the Feare of Death: And therefore Death, is no ſuch terrible Enemie, when a man hath ſo many Attendants, about him, that can winne the combat of him. *Reuenge* triumphs ouer *Death*; *Loue* flights it; *Honour* aſpireth to it;

Griefe flieth to it; *Feare* pre-occupateth it; Nay we reade, after *Otho* the Emperour had ſlaine himſelfe, *Pitty* (which is the tender-

^a *The pomps of death frighten more than Death itſelf.*

⁴ Diſcoloured Face. *Oris pallor*, 'paleneſſ of the face.'

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patch;⁵ Good Spirits. *Animo generoso et forti*, 'a noble and brave mind.'⁶ The same Men. *Eosdem enim gerunt Homines illi Spiritus*, 'for those men bear the same spirits.'

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est of Affections) prouoked many to die, out of meere compassion to their Soueraigne, and as the truest sort of Followers. Nay

Seneca addes *Niceneffe* and *Society*; *Cogita quam diu eadem feceris*; *Mori velle, non tantum Fortis, aut Miser, sed etiam Fastidiosus potest.*^a

A man would die, though he were neither valiant, nor miserable, onely vpon a wearinesse to doe the same thing, so oft ouer and ouer.

It is no lesse worthy to obserue, how little Alteration, in good Spirits,⁵ the Approaches of *Death* make; For they appeare, to be the same Men,⁶ till the last Instant. *Augustus*

Cæsar died in a Comple-

ment; *Liuiâ, Coniugij nostri memor, viue et vale.*^b *Tiberius* in dissimulation; As *Tacitus* saith of him; *Iam Tiberium Vires, et Corpus, non Dissimulatio, deserebant.*^c *Vespasian* in

a Iest; Sitting vpon the Stoole,

Vt puto Deus fio.^d *Galba*

with a Sentence; *Feri, si ex re sit populi Romani;*^e Holding forth his Necke. *Septimius Seuerus* in dispatch; *Adeste, si quid mihi restat agendum.*^f

^a Consider how often thou dost the same thing. Not only a strong man or an avaricious man, but also a fastidious man is able to wish for death. *Seneca. Epistles. x. 1. (6).*

^b *Liuiâ*, mindful of our marriage life, live and farewell. *Suetonius. Augustus. c. 99.*

^c At length, strength and his body failed *Tiberius*, not his dissimulation. *Tacitus, Annals. vi. 50.*

^d As I think [The play is on the double sense of *puto*: to cleanse, and to think], I am becoming a God. *Suetonius. Vespasian. c. 23.*

^e Strike, if it be for the benefit of the Roman People. *Tacitus. History.*

^f 41.

^f Come here, if anything remains for me to do. *Dion Cassius. lxxvi. 17.*

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⁷ Cost vpon Death. *In Solatia Mortis*, 'on the consolations of death.'

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—*Extinctus amabitur idem.*^c



^a Or rather; *Qui spatium vitæ extremum inter munera ponit Naturæ.* Juvenal, *Satires*. x. 357.

'Who lays down the last end of life among the Offices of Nature;' or, as Dryden has put it; *A soul that can securely death defy,*

And count it Nature's privilege to die.

Bacon writes: "And it seemeth to me, that most of the doctrines of the Philosophers are more fearefull and cautionary then the Nature of things requireth. So haue they encreased the feare of death, in offering to cure it. For, when they would haue a mans whole life, to be but a discipline or preparation to dye: they must needes make men thinke, that it is a terrible Enemy, against whom there is no end of preparing. Better saith the Poet, *Qui finem, &c.*" *Adv. of Learning*. Bk. ii. fol. 75. Ed. 1605.

^c Luke ii. 29.

^b The same [i.e. the envied one] being dead will be loved. Horace *Epistles*. ii. 1. 15.

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34. Of Seditions and Troubles.



Heapardes of people had neede knowe the Kalenders of Tempestes in State, which are commonlye greatest when thinges growe to equalitie, as naturall Tempestes are greatest about the *æquinoctia*; And as there are certaine hollowe blastes,

and secrett swellinges of Seas before Tempestes, so are there in States.

*cæcos in-**stare tumultus*

*Sæpe monet, fraudesque,
et operta tumescere bella.*

Certainly, Libells and licentious discourfes

are amongst the signes of troubles, *Virgile* giveinge the pedegree of fame, saith shee was sister to the Gyantes.

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¹ After Winde. *Et veluti e longinquo*, 'and as if from afar off.

² In States. *Ingruentibus Procellis politicis*, 'when political storms are approaching.'

³ Licentious Discourses. *Licentiosi et mordaces Sermones in Status Scandalum*, 'licentious and calumnious discourses to the scandal of the State.'

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15. Of Seditions and Troubles.



*S*hepherds of People, had need know the *Kalenders* of *Tempests* in *State*; which are commonly greatest, when Things grow to Equality; As Naturall Tempests are greatest about the *Æquinoctia*. And as there are certaine hollow Blasts of Winde,¹ and secret Swellings of Seas, before a Tempest, so are there in States:²

—*Ille etiam cæcos instare Tumultus
Sæpe monet, Fraudesque,
et opertatumescere Bella.*^a

Libels, and licentious Discourses³ against the State, when they are frequent and open; And in like fort, false Newes often running vp and downe,⁴ to the disaduantage of the State,⁵ and hastily embraced;⁶ are amongst the Signes of *Troubles*. *Virgil* giuing the Pedegre of *Fame*, faith *She was sister to the Giants*.

^a He [i.e. *The Sun*] also often warns of threatening hidden tumults; and treacheries, and of secret wars swelling to a head. *Virgil. Georgics. i. 465.*

⁴ Often running vp and downe. Omitted in the Latin.

⁵ After State. *Undique jactati*, 'cast about everywhere.'

⁶ After Embraced. *A Populo*, 'by the people.'

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*Illam terra parens ira
irritata deorum*

*Extremam vt perhibent
Cæo Enceladoque foro-
rem*

Progenit.

As if fames and Rumours
were the Reliques of Se-
ditions past, but they are
no lesse the pre-
ludes of Seditions to come.

But he notes it
right, that seditions, tum-
ultes, and seditious fames,
differ noe more, but as
Masculine, and feminine.

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Also that kinde of obedi-
ence (which *Tacitus* describ-
eth in an Army) is to be

⁷ If it come. *Ingravescat Malum*, 'the evil grows worse.'

⁸ Checks them. *Evanescunt*, 'they vanish.'

⁹ Going about. *Conatus sedulus*, 'diligent endeavours.'

¹⁰ Wonder. Omitted in the Latin.

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*Illam Terra Parens irā
irritata Deorum,
Extremam (vt perhibent)
Cæo Enceladoque foro-
rem*

Progeniuit—a

As if *Fames*

were the Reliques of *Seditious* past; But they are no lesse, indeed, the preludes of *Seditious* to come. Howsoever, he noteth it right, that *Seditious Tumults*, and *Seditious Fames*, differ no more, but as Brother and Sister, Masculine and Feminine; Especially, if it come⁷ to that, that the best Actions of a State, and the most plausible, and which ought to giue greatest Contentment, are taken in ill Sense, and traduced: For that shewes the Envy great, as *Tacitus* saith; *Conflata magna Inuidia, seu bene, seu male, gesta premunt.*^b Neither doth it follow, that because these *Fames*, are a signe of *Troubles*, that the suppressing of them, with too much Seuerity, should be a Remedy of *Troubles*. For the Despising of them, many times, checks them⁸ best; and the Going about⁹ to stop them, doth but make a Wonder¹⁰ Long-liued. Also that kind of Obedience, which *Tacitus* speaketh of, is to be

^a *Her, Parent Earth, furious with the vengeance of the Gods, brought forth; the youngest sister of Cæus and Enceladus.* Virgil. *Æneid.* iv. 179. "In Hea-then Poesie, wee see the exposition of Fables doth fall out sometimes with great felicitie, as in the Fable that the Gyants beeing ouerthrowne in their warre against the Gods, the Earth their mother in reuenge thereof brought forth Fame.

Illam terra Parens &c.

Expounded that when Princes & Monarches haue suppressed actual and open Rebels, then the malignitie of people, (which is the mother of Rebellion,) doth bring forth Libels & slanders, and taxations of the states, which is of the same kind with Rebellion, but more Feminine." *Adv. of Learning.* ii. fol.

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^b *Great envy was excited, whether affairs went well or ill.* Tacitus. *History* i. 7.

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held suspected *Erant in officio, sed tamen qui mallent mandata Imperantium interpretari, quam exequi*
 When Mandates fall to be disputed and distinguished and new fences given to them, it is the first Essay of disobeying.

Also as Machauuell well notes When Princes that ought to bee common Fathers make themselves as a partie, and leane to a side in the estate, it is as a boate that tiltes aside before it overthrowes.

Also when discordes, and quarrells, and factions are carryed openly and audaciously, it is a signe

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¹¹ Directions. Omitted in the Latin.

¹² After Disputings. *Circa Mandata*, 'concerning mandates.'

¹³ Audaciously. *Audacius et contumacius*, 'too boldly and obstinately.'

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held suspected; *Erant in officio, sed tamen qui mallent mandata Imperantium interpretari, quàm exequi*; ^a

Disputing, Excusing, Cauilling vpon Mandates and Directions,¹¹ is a kinde of shaking off the yoake, and

Affay of disobedience: Especially, if in those disputings,¹² they, which are for the direction, speake fearefully, and tenderly; And those that are against it, audaciously.¹³

Also, as *Macciauel* noteth well;^b when Princes, that ought to be Common Parents, make themselues as a Party, and leane to a side,¹⁴ it is as a Boat that

is ouerthrownen,

by vneuen weight, on the one Side; As was well seen, in the time of *Henry* the third of *France*: For first, himselfe entred¹⁵ League for the Extirpation of the *Protestants*; and presently after, the same League was turned vpon Himselfe. For when the Authority of Princes, is made but an Accessary to a Cause; And that there be other Bands, that tie faster, then the Band of Soueraignty, Kings begin to be put almost out of Possession.¹⁶

Also, when Discords, and Quarrells, and Factions, are Carried openly, and audaciously; it is a Signe,

^a They were in office, but yet would rather question the orders of the commanders, than perform them. Tacitus. History. ii. 39.

^b Macchiavelli. Discorsi sopra la Prima Deca de Tito Livio. iii. 27.

¹⁴ Leane to a side. Omitted in the Latin.

¹⁵ Entred. *Se recipi voluit*, 'wished to be received into.'

¹⁶ Possession. *Possessione Auctoritatis*, 'possession of authority.'

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the reverence of governe-
ment is lost.

And reverence is that
wherewith Princes are girt
from God, who threatn-
eth the diffolving thereof,
as one of his great Iudge-
mentes.

Soluam cingula Regum.

So when anie of the
fower Pillars of governe-
ment are mainely shakened,
or weakened, which are
Religion, Iustice, Councell
and Treafure, Men had
neede to pray for faier
weather. But let vs leave
the part of predic-
tions,

and fpeake of
the Materialls,

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¹⁷ Gouvernement. *Erga Principem*, 'toward the sovereign.'

¹⁸ Highest Motion. *Motum primi Mobilis*, 'the motion of the *primum mobile*.'

¹⁹ Great Ones. *Viri Primores et Nobiles*, 'chiefs and noble men.'

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the Reuerence of Gouvernment¹⁷ is loft. For the Motions of the greateſt perſons, in a Gouvernment, ought to be, as the Motions of the Planets, under *Primum Mobile*; (according to the old Opinion: which is, That Every of them, is carried ſwiftly, by the Higheſt Motion,¹⁸ and ſoftly in their owne Motion. And therefore, when great Ones,¹⁹ in their owne particular Motion, moue violently, and, as *Tacitus* expreſſeth it well, *Liberius, quàm vt Imperantium meminiffent*; ^a It is a Signe, the Orbs are out of Frame. For Reuerence is that, wherwith Princes are girt from God; Who threateneth the diſſoluing thereof;

Soluam cingula Regum.^b

So when any of the foure Pillars of Gouvernment, are mainly ſhaken, or weakned (which are *Religion, Juſtice, Counſell, and Treafure*;) Men had need to pray for Faire Weather. But let vs paſſe from this Part of Predic-tions,²⁰ (Concerning which,²¹ neuertheleſſe, more light may be taken, from that which followeth;) And let vs ſpeake firſt of the *Materials of Seditions*;

^a More freely than was grateful to the rulers. Incorrectly quoted from Tacitus. *Annals*. iii. 4.

^b Is. xlv. 1.

²⁰ Predictions. *Prognostica Seditionum*, 'predictions of sedition.'

²¹ Concerning whic. &c. *Circa quæ nihilominus intervenient nonnulla, quæ iis tractandis majorem Lucem præbere possint*, 'concerning which, nevertheless, several things will occur which will afford greater light in treating of them.'

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and the caufes,
and the remedyes.

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The matter of feditions is
of two kinde, Much pov-
ertye and much discontent

Certainely, fo manie
overthrowne eftates, fo
manie votes for troubles;
Lucan, noteth well the
ftate of the tymes before the
Civill Warre,

*Hinc vfura vorax, Rapid-
umque in tempore fœnus,
Hinc concuffa fides, et
multis utile bellum.*

This fame *Multis utile
bellum*, is an affured, and
infallible 'figne' of a
State difpofed to troubles,
and feditions.

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For difcontentes,
they are the verie humours

²² Motiues. *Cauſis et Flabellis*, 'cauſes and motiues : (lit. fans.)'

²³ After Prepared. *Flamma*, 'for the flame.'

²⁴ Come. *Emicare poſſint*, 'can ſhine.'

²⁵ Querthrowne Eſtates. *Hominum res attrita, et decoctæ Fortuna*.
'impaired eſtates of men, and bankrupt fortunes.'

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Then of the *Motiues*²² of them ; And thirdly of the *Remedies*.

Concerning the *Materialls* of *Seditions*. It is a Thing well to be considered : For the surest way to preuent *Seditions*, (if the Times doe beare it,) is to take away the *Matter* of them. For if there be Fuell prepared,²³ it is hard to tell, whence the Spark shall come,²⁴ that shall set it on Fire.

The *Matter* of *Seditions* is of two kindes ; *Much Pouerty*, and *Much Discontentment*. It is certaine, so many *Ouerthrowne Estates*,²⁵ so many Votes for *Troubles*. *Lucan* noteth well the *State* of *Rome*, before the *Ciuill Warre*.

Hinc Vfsura vorax, rapidumque in tempore Fœnus,
Hinc concussa Fides, et multis vtile Bellum.

This same *Multis vtile Bellum*, is an assured and infallible²⁶ *Signe*, of a *State*, disposed to *Seditions*, and *Troubles*. And if this *Pouerty*, and *Broken Estate*, in the better Sort, be ioyned with a *Want* and *Necessity*, in the meane People, the danger is imminent and great. For the *Rebellions* of the *Belly*²⁷ are the worst. As for *Discontentments*,²⁸ they are

^a Hence devouring usury, and interest greedy of time,
Hence credit shaken, and war profitable to many.

Lucan. *Pharsalia*. i. 181, 2.

²⁶ Infallible. Omitted in the Latin.

²⁷ Of the Belly. *Quæ a Ventre ortum habent*, 'which rise from the belly.'

²⁸ Discontentments. *Alienationes Animorum, et Tædium Rerum præsentium*; 'the alienation of minds, and discontent with the present state.'

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in the politique body

apt to
gather a preternaturall
heate, and to inflame;
And let not Princes measure
the danger of them by
this whether they are iust,
or vniust, For that were
to imagine people
to reasonable;

nor
yet by this, whether the
greifes Wherevponn they
arise be in true proporcion
great, or smale; for they
are the most dangerous
kindes of discontentes,
where the feare is greater,
then the feelinge.

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²⁹ Humours. *Humorum Maligniorum*, 'malignant humours.'

³⁰ Them. *Illa quæ Animos Populi alienant*, 'what alienates the minds of the people.'

³¹ Be secure. *Minus pendat*, 'consider of less account.'

³² Concerning Discontentments. *Alienationem Animorum, et Invidiam grassantem*, 'the alienation of minds and the increase of envy.'

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in the Politique Body,
like to Humours²⁹ in the
Naturall, which are apt to
gather a preternaturall
Heat, and to Enflame:
And let no Prince measure
the Danger of them,³⁰ by
this; whether they be Iust,
or Vniust? For that were
to imagine People to be
too reasonable; who doe often spurne at their owne
Good: Nor
yet by this; whether the
Griefes, wherupon they
rise, be in fact,
great or small: For they
are the most dangerous

Discontentments,
where the Feare is greater
then the Feeling. *Dolendi Modus, Timendi non item.*^a
Besides, in great Oppressions, the same Things, that
prouoke the Patience, doe withall mate the Courage:
But in Feares it is not so. Neither let any Prince, or
State, be secure³¹ concerning *Discontentments*,³² because
they³³ haue been often, or haue been long and yet no
Perill³⁴ hath ensued; For as it is true, that euery Vapor,
or Fume,³⁵ doth not turne into a Storme; So it is,
neuerthelesse, true, that Stormes, though they blow
ouer diuers times, yet may fall³⁶ at last; And as the

^a *There is a mean in pain, but not in fear.*

²⁹ They. *Illa fastidia Animorum*, 'these dislikes.'

³⁴ Perill. *Detrimenti Respublica cepit*, 'the State has received no damage.'

³⁵ Or Fume. Omitted in the Latin.

³⁶ Fall. *Glomerantur et ruunt*, 'collect and fall.'

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The causes and motives of Sedition, are Religion, Taxes, alterations of lawes and Customes, breakeing priuiledges, generall oppression, Advancement of vnworthie persons, Straungers, Dearthes.

And whatsoever in offending people ioyneth them in a Common Cause.

for the remedies there maie be some generall preservatives, the Cure must aunfweare to the particuler disease.

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³⁷ And Motiues. Omitted in the Latin.

³⁸ Taxes. *Tributa et Census*, 'tributes and taxes.'

³⁹ Priuiledges. *Immunitatum et Privilegiorum*, 'immunities and privileges.'

⁴⁰ After Advancement. *Ad honores et Magistratus*, 'to honours and offices.'

⁴¹ Dearthes. *Caritas Annonæ*, 'dearth of provisions.'

⁴² Disbanded *Incuriose dimissi*, 'carelessly disbanded.'

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Spanish Prouerb noteth well ; *The cord breaketh at the last by the weakeſt pull.*

The *Cauſes* and *Mot-
iues*³⁷ of *Seditions* are ;
Innouation in *Religion* ;
Taxes ;³⁸ *Alteration* of
Lawes and *Cuſtomes* ;
Breaking of *Priuiledges* ;³⁹
Generall Oppreſſion ; *Ad-
uancement*⁴⁰ of *vnworthy*
perſons ; *Strangers* ;
Dearths ;⁴¹ *Diſbanded*⁴² *Souldiers* ; *Factions growne def-
perate* ;
And whatſoeuer in offend-
ing People, ioyneth and
knitteth⁴³ them, in a Com-
mon Cauſe.

For the *Remedies* ; There
may be ſome generall⁴⁴
Preſeruatiues, whereof wee will ſpeake ; As for
the iuſt Cure, it muſt
anſwer to the Particular
Diſeaſe : And ſo be left to Counſell, rather then Rule.

The firſt *Remedy* or preuention,⁴⁵ is to remoue by
all meanes⁴⁶ poſſible, that *materiall Cauſe* of *Sedition*.
wherof we ſpake ; which is *Want* and *Pouerty* in the
Eſtate. To which purpoſe, ſerueth the Opening, and
well Ballancing of Trade ;⁴⁷ the Cherishing⁴⁸ of Man

⁴³ Knitteth. *Conſpirare facit*, 'makes them conſpire.'

⁴⁴ Generall. *Confuſe, et in genere, poſſunt assignari*, 'may be assigned
confuſedly and generally.'

⁴⁵ After Preuention. *Contra ſeditiones*, 'againſt ſeditions.'

⁴⁶ Meanes. *Opera et diligentia*, 'means and diligence.'

⁴⁷ Trade. *Commercii Rationes*, 'the conduct of trade.'

⁴⁸ Cherishing. *Introducere, et fovere*, 'introducing and cherishing.'

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⁴⁹ Manufactures. *Artificis et Manufacturas*, 'artisans and manufactures.'

⁵⁰ Idleness. *Desidiam et Otium*, 'idleness and ease.'

⁵¹ Improuement and Husbanding. *Cultura lucrosissima subigere*, 'to work with the most profitable cultivation.'

⁵² Soyle. *Solum et agros*, 'the soil and the fields.'

⁵³ Reckoned. *Utrum superflua sit, necne*, 'whether it is too abundant or not.'

⁵⁴ More. *Pecunias*, 'money.'

⁵⁵ Stocke. *Sorti Reipublicæ*, 'to the stock of the State.'

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ufactures;⁴⁹ the Banishing of Idleneffe;⁵⁰ the Reprefing of waste and Exceffe by Sumptuary Lawes; the Improuement and Husbanding⁵¹ of the Soyle;⁵² the Regulating of Prices of things vendible; the Moderating of Taxes and Tributes; And the like. Generally, it is to be forefeene, that the Population of a Kingdome, (efpecially if it be not mowen downe by warrs) doe not exceed, the Stock of the Kingdome, which fhould maintaine them. Neither is the Population, to be reckoned,⁵³ onely by number: For a fmaller Number, that fpend more,⁵⁴ and earne leffe, doe weare out an Eftate, fooner then a greater Number, that liue lower, and gather more. Therefore the Multiplying of Nobilitie, and other Degrees of Qualitie, in an ouer Proportion, to the Common People, doth speedily bring a State to Neceffitie: And fo doth likewise an ouergrowne Clergie; For they bring nothing to the Stocke;⁵⁵ And in like manner, when more are bred Schollers, then Preferments⁵⁶ can take off.⁵⁷

It is likewise to be remembred, that for as much as the increafe of any Eftate,⁵⁸ muft be⁵⁹ vpon the Forrainer, (for whatfoeuer is fome where gotten, is fome where loft) There be but three Things, which one Nation felleth vnto another; The *Commoditie*⁶⁰ as Nature yeeldeth it;⁶¹ The *Manufacture*; and the *Vecture* or *Carriage*. So that if thefe three wheelles goe, Wealth will flow as in a Spring tide. And it commeth many times to paffe, that⁶² *Materiam superabit Opus*;^a That the Worke, and Carriage, is more worth, then

^a *The work will surpass the material.* Ovid. *Metamorphoses.* ii. 5.

⁵⁶ Preferments. *Vocationis Civiles*, 'civil duties.'

⁵⁷ Take off. *Victum suppeditare*, 'supply living to.'

⁵⁸ Estate. *Publicæ Opulentia*, 'public wealth.'

⁵⁹ Be. *Lucrifieri*, 'be gained.'

⁶⁰ Commoditie. *Materiam Mercium*, 'the material of merchandise.'

⁶¹ As Nature yeeldeth it. Omitted in the Latin.

⁶² Opus. *De quo loquitur poeta*, 'of which the poet speaks.'

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To give moderate liberty
for greifes

⁶³ Mines. *Modinas, non subterraneas illas*, 'mines not underground.'

⁶⁴ Good Policie . . . vsed. *Nihil autem prius debet esse aut consultius quam ut videat Magistratum Prudentia*, 'nothing, moreover, ought to be sooner or more thought of than that the foresight of the magistrates should see.'

⁶⁵ In a State. Omitted in the Latin.

⁶⁶ Spread. *Per Terram dispergatur*, 'spread on the earth.'

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the Materiall, and enricheth a State more; As is notably seene in the *Low-Country-Men*, who haue the best Mines,⁶³ aboue ground, in the World.

Above all things, good Policie is to be vsed,⁶⁴ that the Treasure and Moneyes, in a State,⁶⁵ be not gathered into few Hands. For otherwise, a State may haue a great Stock, and yet starue. And Money is like Muck, not good except it be spread.⁶⁶ This is done, chiefly, by suppressing, or at the least, keeping a strait Hand, vpon the Deuouring Trades of *Vfurie*, *Ingrofsing*, great *Pasturages*,⁶⁷ and the like.

For Remouing *Discontentments*, or at least, the danger of them,⁶⁸ There is in euery State (as we know) two Portions of *Subiects*; The *Noblesse*, and the *Commonaltie*. When one of these is *Discontent*, the danger is not great; For Common People, are of slow Motion, if they be not excited, by the Greater Sort; And the Greater Sort are of small strength, except the Multitude, be apt and ready, to moue of themselves. Then is⁶⁹ the danger, when the Greater Sort doe but wait for the Troubling of the Waters, amongst the Meaner, that then they may declare themselves.⁷⁰ The Poets faigne, that the rest of the Gods, would haue⁷¹ bound *Iupiter*; which he hearing of, by the Counsell of *Pallas*, sent for *Briareus*, with his hundred Hands, to come in to his Aid. An Embleme, no doubt, to shew, how safe⁷² it is for Monarchs, to make sure⁷³ of the good Will of Common People.

Togive moderate Liberty, for Griefes, and *Discon-*

⁶⁷ Great Pasturages. *Latifundiorum in Pascua conversorum*, 'changing farms into pasturages.'

⁶⁸ Of them. *Quæ ab iis proveniunt*, 'which come from them.'

⁶⁹ Is. *Revera ingruit*, 'truly approaches.'

⁷⁰ Themselves. *Animos exulceratos*, 'their wounded minds.'

⁷¹ Would haue. *Conjurasse*, 'conspired.'

⁷² Safe. *Tutum et salutare*, 'safe and wholesome.'

⁷³ Make sure. *Conciliare et retinere*, 'gain and keep.'

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to evaporate,
 fo it be without bravery
 or importunitye, is a
 safe way, ffor hee that
 tourneth the humour ,
 or makes the wound
 bleede inwardes, endaun-
 gereth maligne vlcers and
 pernicious impostuma-
 cions;
 Also the part ef *Epime-
 theus* may become
Prometheus in this Case;

Hee when greifes and evils
 flewe abroad,

yet kept hope in
 the bottome of the Veffell.

The politike,
 and artificiall nourishing
 of some degree of hopes,

is one of
 the best Antidotes against
 thepoyson of discontentes;
 and it is a cer-
 taine signe of a Wife go-
 vernement,

if it can hold
 by hope, where it

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⁷⁴ Discontentments. *Animis gravate affectis et malevolis indulgere, ut ebulliant eorum Dolores, et in fumos abeant*, 'to indulge ill affected and malevolent minds, that their griefs may evaporate and go off in smoke.'

⁷⁵ Safe Way. *Utile*, 'useful.'

⁷⁶ Inwards. *In viscera*, 'into the bowels.'

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*tentments*⁷⁴ to euaporate, (so it be without too great Infolency or Brauery) is a safe Way.⁷⁵ For he that turneth the Humors backe, and maketh the Wound bleed inwards,⁷⁶ endangereth maligne⁷⁷ Vicers, and pernicious Impostumations.

The Part of *Epimetheus*, mought well become *Prometheus*, in the case of *Discontentments*;⁷⁸ For there is not a better prouision against them.

Epimetheus, when Griefes and Euils

flew abroad, at last⁷⁹ shut the lid, and kept Hope in the Bottome of the Veffell. Certainly, the Politique and Artificiall Nourishing, and Entertaining of *Hopes*, and Carrying Men from *Hopes* to *Hopes*; is one of the best Antidotes, against the Poyson of *Discontentments*. And it is a certaine Signe, of a wise Go-uernment, and Proceeding, when it can hold Mens hearts⁸⁰ by *Hopes*, when it

⁷⁷ Maligne. *Mortifera*, 'deadly.'

⁷⁸ In the case of Discontentments. *Ad molliendos exacerbatos et male-volos Animos*, 'to soothe embittered and evil-disposed minds.'

⁷⁹ At last. *Festinus*, 'in haste.'

⁸⁰ Hearts. Omitted in the Latin.

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fitt head to be one that
hath greatnesse and re-
putacion, that hath Con-
fidence with the discon-
tented partie, and vponn
whom they tourne theire
eyes, and that is thought
discontent in his par-
ticular.

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⁸¹ Also, the foresight . . . Preuention. *Trita sane est, sed præcellens Periculorum, quæ Malevolentia minantur, Cautio, ut prævideatur*, 'it is known but an excellent caution against the dangers threatened by discontent to take care.'

⁸² Likely or fit. Omitted in the Latin.

⁸³ Discontented. *Insensus et exacerbatus*, 'hostile and embittered.'

⁸⁴ Vnder whom. *Sub cuius præsidio*, 'under whose protection.'

⁸⁵ Ioyne. *In Corpus aliquod coire*, 'join into a body.'

⁸⁶ Head. *Caput . . . et Ducem idoneum*, 'head and suitable leader.'

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cannot by Satisfaction: And when it can handle things, in such manner, as no Euill shall appeare so peremptory, but that it hath some Out-let of *Hope*: Which is the lesse hard to doe, because both particular Persons, and Factions, are apt enough to flatter themselues, or at least to braue that, which they beleeue not.

Also, the Foresight,⁸¹ and Preuention, that there be no likely or fit⁸² Head, whereunto *Discontented*⁸³ *Persons* may resort, and vnder whom⁸⁴ they may ioyn⁸⁵, is a knowne, but an excellent Point of Caution. I vnderstand a fit Head,⁸⁶ to be one, that hath⁸⁷ Greatnesse, and Reputation; That hath Confidence⁸⁸ with the *Discontented Party*; and vpon whom they turne their Eyes;⁸⁹ And that is thought *discontented* in his own particular; which kinde of Persons, are either to be wonne,⁹⁰ and reconciled to the State, and that in a fast and true⁹¹ manner; Or to be fronted, with some other, of the same Party, that may oppose them, and

⁸¹ Hath. *Celebratur*, 'is known for.'

⁸² Confidence. *Acceptus est et gratiosus*, 'is acceptable and influential with.'

⁸³ Eyes. *Ora et Oculos*, 'faces and eyes.'

⁸⁴ Wonne. Omitted in the Latin.

⁸⁵ Fast and true. *Non perfunctorie, sed solide*; 'not slightly, but firmly.'

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Remedies. For it is a def-
perate cafe if the true parte
of the
State be full of discord
and faction, and the
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³² Diuide. *In diversa trahat et secet*, 'divide and cut.'

³³ Reputation. *Gratiam popularem*, 'popular favour.'

³⁴ Generally. *Ubique hoc obtinet*, 'wherever this obtains.'

³⁵ Breaking. Omitted in the Latin.

³⁶ Factions. *Factiosas Potentias*, 'factious powers.'

³⁷ Aduerse to the State. *Quæ contra Gubernationem Imperii Frontem contrahunt*, 'which frown at the government of the State.'

³⁸ Setting them at distance. Omitted in the Latin.

³⁹ Distrust. *Dissidentiam seminare*, 'sow discord.'

¹⁰⁰ Worst. *Haud contemnendum*, 'not to be despised'

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fo diuide⁹² the reputation.⁹³

Generally,⁹⁴ the Diuiding
and Breaking⁹⁵ of all Factions,⁹⁶ and
Combinations that are
aduerse to the State,⁹⁷ and setting them at distance, or⁹⁸
at least distrust amongst themselves,⁹⁹
is not one of the worst¹⁰⁰

Remedies. For it is a desperate Case, if those, that hold with the Proceeding of the State, be full of Discord and Faction;¹⁰¹ And those that are against¹⁰² it, be entire and vnited.¹⁰³

I haue noted, that some witty and sharpe Speeches, which haue fallen¹⁰⁴ from *Princes*, haue giuen fire to *Seditions*. *Cæsar* did himselfe infinite Hurt, in that Speech; *Sylla nesciuit Literas, non potuit dictare*:^a For it did, vtterly, cut off that *Hope*, which Men had entertained, that he would, at one time or other, giue ouer his Dictatorship. *Galba* vndid himselfe by that Speech; *Legi à se Militem, non emi*:^b For it put the Souldiers, out of Hope, of the Donatiue. *Probus* likewise,¹⁰⁵ by that Speech; *Si vixero, non opus erit ampliùs Romano Imperio militibus*.^c A Speech of great Despaire, for the Souldiers: And many the like. Surely, *Princes* had need, in tender Matters, and Ticklish Times, to beware what they say; Especially in these

^a *Sylla knew not letters, he was not able to dictate.* Suetonius. *Julius Cæsar*. 77.

"Cæsar would say of Sylla, for that hee did resigne his Dictatorship: That hee was ignorant of letters, he could not dictate." Lord Bacon's *Apophth.* No. 135. Ed. 1625.

^b *The soldiery was levied by him, not bought.* Tacitus. *History*. i. 5.

^c *If I live, there shall be no longer need for soldiers to the Roman Empire.* Flavius Vopiscus. *Probus*. 20.

¹⁰¹ Faction. Omitted in the Latin.

¹⁰² Against. *Insensi, et maligni*, 'hostile and evil disposed.'

¹⁰³ Entire and vnited. *Arcte coniungantur*, 'be strictly vnited.'

¹⁰⁴ After Fallen. *Improviso*, 'at random.'

¹⁰⁵ Likewise. *Item interit*, 'likewise perished.'

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Lastlie lett Princes against
all eventes not be without
some great perfon
of Militarye valew neare
vnto them for the repres-
sing of seditions in their
begininges. For without
that, there vseth to be more
trepidacion in Courtes
vponn the breaking out
of troubles then were fitt,
and the State runneth the
daunger of that which *Taci-
tus* saith *Atque is habitus
animorum fuit vt pessimum
facinus auderent pauci,
plures vellent, omnes pat-
erentur.* But lett such one,
be an assured one, and

not popular, and holding
good Correspondence
with the gowne Men ;
orels the remedy is
worfe then the diseafe.

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¹⁰⁶ Large. *Longiores et productiones*, 'longer and more protracted.'

¹⁰⁷ Military Valour. *Militia et Fortitudine sbectatas*, 'tried in war and
valour.'

¹⁰⁸ Court. *Aulis Principum*, 'the courts of princes.'



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short Speeches, which flie abroad like Darts, and are thought to be shot out of their secret Intentions. For as for large¹⁰⁶ Discourses, they are flat Things, and not so much noted.

Lastly, let Princes, against all Events, not be without some Great Person, one, or rather more, of Military Valour¹⁰⁷ neere vnto them, for the Repressing of *Seditions*, in their beginnings. For without that, there vseth to be more trepidation in Court,¹⁰⁸ vpon the first Breaking out of *Troubles*, then were fit. And the *State* runneth the danger of that, which *Tacitus* saith; *Atque is Habitus animorum fuit, vt pessimum facinus auderent Pauci, Plures vellent, Omnes pat-erentur.*^a But let such Military Persons, be Assured, and well reputed of, rather then Factious, and Popular; Holding also good Correspondence, with the other Great Men in the *State*; Or else the Remedie, is worse then the Disease.

^a And this was the disposition of their minds, that a few dared to attempt the greatest villany, that more desired it, and that all tolerated in it. *Tacitus. History. i. 28.*





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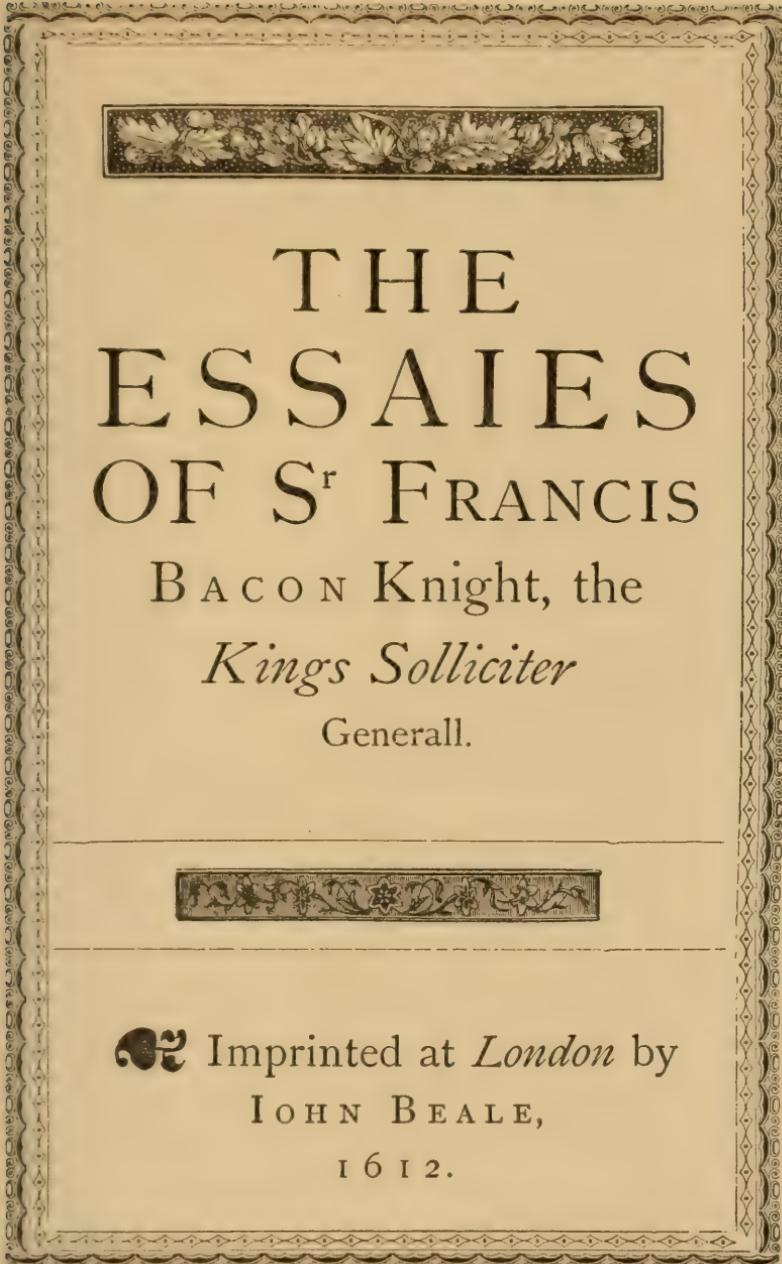
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
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TO MY LOVING BROTHER,

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Y last *Essaies* I dedicated to my deare brother Master Anthony Bacon, who is with God. Looking amongst my papers this vacation, I found others of the same Nature: which if I my selfe shall not suffer to be lost, it seemeth the World will not; by the often printing of the former. Missing my Brother, I found you next; in respect of bond of neare alliance, and of straight friendship and societie, and particularly of communication in studies. Wherein I must acknowledge my selfe beholding to you. For as my businesse found rest in my contemplations; so my contemplations euer found rest in your louing conference and iudgement. So wishing you all good, I remaine

Your louing brother and friend,

FRA. BACON.

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[* These Essays—if ever any were separately written, under these titles—are not found in the Text, nor in any other of Bacon's known writings. The Titles are most probably but sub-titles of No. 38. *Of greatnes of Kingdomes*.

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1. Of Religion.



He quarrels, and diuisions for *Religion*, were euils vnknowne to the Heathen: and no maruell;

for it is the true God that is the iealous God; and the gods of the Heathen were good fellowes. But

yet the bonds of religious vnity, are so to be strengthened, as the bonds of humane society be not diffolued.

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¹ TITLE. Religion. *Ecclesiæ*, 'of the church.'

² Happy thing. *Par est*, 'it is right.'

³ Within the . . . of Vnity. *Debitis veræ Vnilitatis et Charitatis vinculis*, 'by the proper bands of true unity and charity.'

⁴ Quarrels. Omitted in the Latin.

⁵ The Reason was, because, *Nec mirum, cum*, 'nor was it strange, since.'

⁶ Ceremonies. *Cultu Deorum externo*, 'outward worship of the gods.'

⁷ Belcefe. *Confessione, et Fide*, 'confession and belief.'

⁸ What the Meanes. *Quibus denique Modis concilietur*, 'and lastly, by what means it is preserved.'

⁹ Fruits. *Fructus præcipui*, 'chief fruits.'

¹⁰ Scandals. *In Ecclesia Scandala*, 'scandals in the church.'

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3. Of Unity in Religion.¹

Religion being the chiefe Band of humane Society, it is a happy thing,² when it selfe, is well contained, within the true Band of *Vnity*.³ The Quarrels,⁴ and Diuisions about *Religion*, were Euils vnknowne to the Heathen. The Reason was, because⁵ the *Religion* of the Heathen, consisted rather in Rites and Ceremonies;⁶ then in any constant Beleeve.⁷ For you may imagine, what kinde of Faith theirs was, when the chiefe Doctors, and Fathers of their Church, were the Poets. But the true God hath this Attribute, That he is a *Jealous God*;^a And therefore, his worship and *Religion*, will endure no Mixture, nor Partner.

We shall therefore speake, a few words, concerning the *Vnity* of the Church; *What are the Fruits thereof; what the Bounds; And what the Meanes?*⁸

The *Fruits*⁹ of *Vnity* (next vnto the well Pleasing of God, which is All in All) are two; The One, towards those, that are *without the Church*; The Other, towards those, *that are within*. For the Former; It is certaine, that Heresies, and Schismes, are of all others, the greatest Scandals;¹⁰ yea more then Corruption of Manners. For as in the Naturall Body, a Wound or Solution of Continuity, is worfe then a Corrupt Humor; So in the Spirituall.¹¹ So that nothing, doth so much keepe Men out of the Church,¹² and¹³ driue Men out of the Church, as Breach of *Vnity*: And therefore,

^a Exodus xx. 5.

¹¹ So in the Spirituall. *Similis est Corporis Spiritualis ratio*, 'the nature of the spiritual body is similar.'

¹² Keepe Men out of the Church. *Homines, ab ingressu in Ecclesiam absterreat*, 'frighten men from entering the church.'

¹³ After And. *Jam receptos*, 'when already received.'

¹⁴ The Propriety of whose Vocation. *Cujus Vocatio et Missio, propria et demandata*, 'whose peculiar vocation and mission, entrusted to him.'

¹⁵ Without. *Extra Ecclesiam*, 'without the church.'

¹⁶ Discordant and Contrary Opinions. *Lites, et Opinionum Dimicationes*, 'disputes and contests of opinion.'

¹⁷ Morris daunce. *Saltationes Florales et Gesticulationes*, 'floral dances and gestures.'

¹⁸ Diuers Posture. *Peculiarem quendam motum Corporis ridiculum*, 'some peculiar ridiculous motion of the body.'

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whensoever it commeth to that passe, that one faith, *Ecce in Deserto*;^a Another faith, *Ecce in penetralibus*;^a That is, when some Men seeke Christ, in the Conuenticles of Heretikes, and others, in an Outward Face of a Church, that voice had need continually to found in Mens Eares, *Nolite exire, Goe not out.*^a The Doctor of the Gentiles (the Propriety of whose Vocation,¹⁴ drew him to haue a speciall care of those *without*)¹⁵ faith; *If an Heathen come in, and heare you speake with feuerall Tongues, Will he not say that you are mad?*^b And certainly, it is little better, when Atheists, and prophane Persons, do heare of so many Discordant, and Contrary Opinions¹⁶ in *Religion*; It doth auert them from the Church, and maketh them, *To sit downe in the chaire of the Scorners.*^c It is but a light Thing, to be Vouched in so Serious a Matter, but yet it expresseth well the Deformity. There is a Master of Scoffing; that in his Catalogue of Books, of a faigned Library, sets Downe this Title of a Booke; *The morris daunce*¹⁷ of *Heretikes.*^d For indeed, euery Sect of them, hath a Diuers Posture,¹⁸ or Cringe¹⁹ by themselves, which cannot but Moue Derision, in Worldlings, and Depraued Politickes, who are apt to contemne Holy Things.

As for the *Fruit*²⁰ towards those²¹ that are within; It is *Peace*; which containeth infinite Blessings: It establissheth Faith; It kindleth Charity; The outward Peace of the Church, Distilleth into Peace of Conscience; And it turneth the Labours, of Writing, and Reading of Controuersies, into Treaties of Mortification, and Deuotion.

^a Matthew xxvi. 26. (Vulgate).

^b 1 Cor. xiv. 23.

^c Ps. i. 1.

^d *La Morisque des hereticques.* Rabelais. *Pantagruel.* ii. 7.

¹⁹ Cringe. *Gestus Deformatatem*, 'deformity of carriage.'

²⁰ Fruit. *Fructus Vnitatis*, 'fruit of unity.'

²¹ Towards those. *Qui ad eos . . . redundat*, 'which abounds towards those.'

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²² Bounds. *Terminos et Limites*, 'bounds and limits.'

²³ True. *Vera proculdubio et justa*, 'doubtless the true and right.'

²⁴ Importeth. *Ad omnia in Religione*, 'to every thing connected with religion.'

²⁵ Extremes. *In iis statuendis videntur fieri*, 'seem to be made in fixing them.'

²⁶ After Luke-warme. *In causis Religionis*, 'in matters of religion.'

²⁷ The two crosse Clauses. *Clausulis illis, quæ primo intuitu, inter se opponi videntur*, 'those clauses, which at first sight, seem to be opposed.'

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Concerning the *Bounds*²² of *Vnity*; The true²³ Placing of them, importeth²⁴ exceedingly. There appeare to be two extremes.²⁵ For to certaine *Zelants* all Speech of Pacification is odious. *Is it peace, Iehu? What hast thou to doe with peace? turne thee behinde me.*^a *Peace* is not the Matter, but *Following* and *Party*. Contrariwise, certaine *Laodiceans*, and *Luke-warme*²⁶ Persons, thinke they may accommodate Points of *Religion*, by Middle Waies, and taking part of both; And witty Reconcilements; As if they would make an Arbitrement, betweene God and Man. Both these Extremes are to be auoyded; which will be done, if the League of Christians, penned by our Sauour himselfe, were in the two crosse Clauses²⁷ thereof, soundly and plainly expounded; *He that is not with vs, is against vs*:^b And againe; *He that is not against vs, is with vs*:^c That is, if the Points Fundamentall and of Substante in *Religion*, were truly discerned and distinguished, from Points not meerely of Faith, but of Opinion, Order, or good Intention.²⁸ This is a Thing, may seeme to many, a Matter triuiall, and done already:²⁹ But if it were done lesse partially,³⁰ it would be embraced more generally.

Of this I may giue onely this Aduice, according to my small Modell. Men ought to take heede, of rending Gods Church, by two kinds of Controuerfies. The one is, when the Matter of the Point controuerted, is too small and light, not worth the Heat,³¹ and Strife about it, kindled onely by Contradiction. For, as it is noted³² by one of the Fathers; *Christs*

^a 2 Kings ix. 18.

^b Matt. xii. 30.

^c Mark ix. 40.

²⁸ Points . . . good Intention. *Quæ non sunt ex Fide, sed ex Opinione probabilis, et Intentione sancta, propter ordinem, et Ecclesiæ politiam, sancitæ,* 'which are not of faith, but of probable opinion, and ratified by a holy intention, for the sake of order and the government of the church.'

²⁹ And done already. *In quo quis actum agat:* 'in which to act.'

³⁰ Partially. *Minore partium studio,* 'with less party zeal.'

³¹ Heat. Omitted in the Latin.

³² Noted. *Acute, et eleganter,* 'acutely and elegantly.'

²³ Of Iudgement: *Doctus*, 'learned.'

²⁴ Differ. *De aliqua Quæstione, inter se litigantes*, 'disputing about some question.'

³⁵ Meane one thing. *Idem re ipsa sentire, et in unum convenire*, 'really think the same, and meet in one point.'

³⁶ Distance. *Exigua illa Iudicii disparitate*, 'in that little disparity of judgment.'

³⁷ Knowes. *Scrutatur et novit*, 'searches and knows.'

³⁸ Nature. *Natura et Character*, 'nature and character.'

³⁹ Put. *Effingunt et cudunt*, 'fashion and stamp.'

⁴⁰ Fixed. *Fixa et invariabilia*, 'fixed and unvarying.'

⁴¹ There be also. *Sunt etiam, ut Controversiarum*, 'there be also, as of controversies.'

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Coat, indeed, had no seame: But the Churches Vesture was of diuers colours;^a whereupon he saith, *In veste varietas fit, Scissura non fit*; They be two Things, *Vnity*, and *Vniformity*. The other is, when the Matter of the Point Controuerted is great; but it is driuen to an ouer-great Subtilty, and Obscurity; So that it becommeth a Thing, rather Ingenious, then Substantiall. A man that is of Iudgement³³ and vnderstanding, shall sometimes heare Ignorant Men differ,³⁴ and know well within himselfe, that those which so differ, meane one thing,³⁵ and yet they themselues would neuer agree. And if it come so to passe, in that distance³⁶ of Iudgement, which is betweene Man and Man; Shall wee not thinke, that God aboue, that knowes³⁷ the Heart, doth not discerne, that fraile Men, in some of their Contradictions, intend the same thing; and accepteth of both? The Nature³⁸ of such Controuerſies, is excellently expressed, by St. Paul, in the Warning and Precept, that he giueth, concerning the same, *Deuita profanas vorum Nouitates, et Oppositiones falsi Nominis Scientiæ.*^c Men create Oppositions, which are not; And put them³⁹ into new termes, so fixed,⁴⁰ as whereas the Meaning ought to gouerne the Terme, the Terme in effect gouerneth the Meaning. There be also⁴¹ two false *Peaces*,⁴² or *Vnities*;⁴³ The one, when the *Peace* is grounded but vpon an implicite ignorance; For all Colours will agree in the Darke: The other, when it is peececd vp,⁴⁴ vpon a direct Admission of Contraries,⁴⁵ in Fundamentall Points. For Truth and Falshood, in such things, are like the *Iron*

^a The allusion is to Ps. xlv. 14, where, instead of 'in raiment of needlewark,' the Vulgate has *circumamicta varietatibus*, 'enveloped with varieties.'

^b *In raiment let there be variety, but not rents.* St. Bernard. *Ad Guillelmum Abbatem Apologia*. pp. 983, 4. Ed. 1640.

^c 1 Tim. vi. 20.

⁴² *Peaces*, or. Omitted in the Latin.

⁴³ *Vnities*. *Vnitatis Species*, 'kinds of unity.'

⁴⁴ *Peececd vp*. *Consuta et sarcita*, 'sewn together and patched.'

⁴⁵ Admission of Contraries. *Ex positionibus ex diametro inier se contrariis*, 'from positions directly contradictory.'

Lucretius the Poet, when hee beheld the act of *Agamemnon*, induring and assisting at the sacrifice of his daughter, concludes with this verse ;

Tantum religio potuit suadere malorum.

But what would hee haue done, if he had knowne the massacre of *France*, or the powder treason of *England*? Certainly he would haue beene feuen times more Epicure and Atheist then he was. Nay, hee would rather haue chofen to be one of the Mad men of

⁴⁶ Be. *Recipiuntur*, 'are received.'

⁴⁷ In the maintenance of Religion. *In Religione Christiana propugnanda, et protegenda*, 'in defending and protecting the christian religion.'

⁴⁸ Ouert. *Aperti, et insolentis*; 'overt and insolent.'

⁴⁹ Intermixture. Omitted in the Latin.

⁵⁰ Subuersion of all Gouernment. *Ad Majestatem Imperii minuendam, et Auctoritatem Magistratum labefactandam*, 'to diminish the majesty of government, and subvert the authority of magistrates.'

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and *Clay, in the toes of Nabucadnezzars Image*;^a They may cleave, but they will not Incorporate.

Concerning the *Meanes of procuring Vnity*; Men must beware, that in the Procuring, or Muniting, of *Religious Vnity*, they doe not Dissolve and Deface the Lawes of Charity, and of humane Society. There be⁴⁶ two Swords amongst Christians; the Spirituall, and Temporall; And both haue their due Office, and place, in the maintenance of *Religion*.⁴⁷ But we may not take vp the Third sword, which is Mahomets Sword, or like vnto it; That is, to propagate *Religion*, by Warrs, or by Sanguinary Persecutions, to force Consciences; except it be in the cases of Ouert⁴⁸ Scandall, Blasphemy, or Intermixture⁴⁹ of Practize, against the State; Much lesse to Nourish Seditions; To Authorize Conspiracies and Rebellions; To put the Sword into the Peoples Hands; And the like; Tending to the Subuersion of all Government,⁵⁰ which is the Ordinance of God.⁵¹ For this is, but to dash the first Table,⁵² against the Second;^b And so to consider Men as Christians, as we forget that they are Men. *Lucretius* the Poet, when he beheld the Act of *Agamemnon*, that could endure⁵³ the Sacrificing of his owne Daughter, exclaimed;

Tantum Relligio potuit suadere malorum.^c

What would he haue said, if he had knowne of the Massacre in France, or the Powder Treason of England? He would haue beene, Seuen times more Epicure and Atheist, then he was. For as the temporall Sword, is to bee drawne,⁵⁴ with great circum-

^a Daniel. ii. 33.

^b Exodus. xxxii. 19.

^c To such a degree is Religion capable of occasioning evils. *Lucretius. De rerum Natura. i. 102.*

⁵¹ Ordinance of God. *Cum tamen omnis Legitima potestas sit a Deo ordinata*, 'since all lawful power is ordained by God.'

⁵² Table. *Tabulis legis*, 'tables of the law.'

⁵³ Endure. Omitted in the Latin.

⁵⁴ After Drawne. *Non temere, sed*, 'not rashly, but.'

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Munster, then to haue beene a partaker of those Counsels. For it is better that Religion should deface mens vnderstanding, then their piety and charitie; retaining reason onely but as an *Engine*, and *Charriot driuer* of cruelty, and malice.

It was a great blasphemie, when the Diuell said; *I will ascend, and be like the highest*: but it is a greater blasphemie, if they make God to say; *I will descend, and bee like the Prince of Darknesse*: and it is no better, when they make the cause of Religion descend, to the execrable accions of murdering of Princes, butchery of people, and firing of States.

Neither is there such a sinne against the person of the holy Ghost, (if one should take it literally) as in stead of the likenes of a *Doue*, to bring him downe in the likenesse of a *Vulture*, or *Rauen*; nor such a scandall to their Church, as out of the Barke of Saint *Peter*, to set forth the flagge of a Barge of *Pirats* and *Affassins*. Therefore since these things are the common enemies of humane society; *Princes* by their power; *Churches* by their Decrees; and all learning, Christian, morall, of what foeuer sect, or opinion, by their *Mercurie* rod; ought to ioyn in the damning to Hell for euer, these facts, and their supports:

and in all Counsels concerning Religion, that Counsell of the Apostle, would be prefixed, *Ira hominis non implet iustitiam Dei*.

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⁵⁵ Personate. Omitted in the Latin.

⁵⁶ Descend. *Descendat, et præcipitetur*, 'descend and be cast down.'

⁵⁷ States. Omitted in the Latin.

⁵⁸ Most necessary. *Iustum est, et id ipsum necessitas Temporum flagitat*, 'it is just, and the necessity of the times demands it.'

⁵⁹ Christian. *Religiosa*, 'religious.'

⁶⁰ Prefixed. *Ante oculos Hominum*, 'before the eyes of men.'

⁶¹ And it was. *Vt verum dicamus*, 'to speak the truth.'

⁶² Notable Observation. *Optime, et prudentissime observatum*, 'very well and wisely observed.'

⁶³ One of the Fathers. *Ab uno ex Patribus, profundæ sapientiæ viro*; 'by one of the Fathers, a man of deep wisdom.'

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spection, in Cafes of *Religion*; So it is a thing monstrous, to put it into the hands of the Common People. Let that bee left vnto the Anabaptists, and other Furies.

It was great Blasphemy, when the Deuill said; *I will ascend, and be like the Highest*;^a But it is greater Blasphemy, to perfonate⁵⁵ God, and bring him in saying; *I will descend, and be like the Prince of Darknesse*; And what is it better, to make the cause of *Religion*, to descend,⁵⁶ to the cruell and execrable Actions, of Murthering Princes, Butchery of People, and Subuersion of States,⁵⁷ and Gouvernements? Surely, this is to bring Downe the Holy Ghost,

in stead of the Liknesse of a Doue,
in the Shape of a Vulture, or Rauē :

And to fet, out of the Barke of a Christian Church, a Flagge of a Barque of Pirates, and *Affasins*. Therefore it is most necessary,⁵⁸ that the Church by Doctrine and Decree; Princes by their Sword; And all Learnings, both Christian⁵⁹ and Morall,

as by their Mercury Rod; Doe Damne and fend to Hell, for euer, those Facts and Opinions, tending to the Support of the same; As hath beene already in good part done. Surely in Counsels, Concerning *Religion*, that Counsell of the Apostle would be prefixed;⁶⁰ *Ira hominis non implet Iusticiam Dei*.^b And it was⁶¹ a notable Obseruation,⁶² of a wise Father,⁶³ And no lesse ingenuously⁶⁴ confessed;⁶⁵ *That those, which held and perswaded, pressure of Consciences, were commonly interested therein, themselves, for their owne ends*.⁶⁶

^a Isaiah xiv. 14.

^b James i. 20.

⁶⁴ Ingenuously. *Ingenue, et sincere*, 'ingenuously and sincerely.'

⁶⁵ Confessed. *Prolatum, et euulgatum*, 'uttered and published.'

⁶⁶ Interested therein . . . owne ends. *Sub illo Dogmate, Cupiditates suas subtexere, illamque rem sua interesse, putare*, 'cover their desires with this doctrine, and consider themselves interested therein.'

4. Of Cunning.



WE take *Cunning* for a sinister or crooked *Wisdome*; and certainly there is a great difference betweene a cunning man, and a wise man: not onely in point of honesty, but in point of ability. There be that can pack the cards and yet cannot play well. So there are some, that are good in canuasses and factions, that are otherwise weake men. Againe, it is one thing to vnderstand persons, and another thing to vnderstand matters: for many are perfect in mens humors, that are not greatly capable of the reall part of businesse; which is the constitution of one, that hath studied men more then bookes. Such men are fitter for practise, then for counsell, and they are good but in their owne Alley; turne them to new men, and they haue lost their aime. So as the old rule to know a foole from a wise man; *Mitte ambos nudos ad ignotos et videbis*; doth scarce hold for them.

VI. Variations in posthumous Latin Edition of 1638.

¹ Factions. *Factionibus regendis*, 'ruling factions.'

² Persons. *Personarum Naturas et Mores*, 'the natures and manners of persons.'

³ Humours. *Aditibus, et Temporibus*, 'accessibilities and time.'

⁴ Alley. *Viis, quas sæpe contriverunt*, 'the ways which they have often trod.'

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WE take *Cunning* for a Sinister or Crooked Wifedome. And certainly, there is great difference, between a *Cunning* Man, and a *Wise* Man; Not onely in Point of Honesty, but in point of Ability. There be that can packe the Cards, and yet cannot play well; So there are some, that are good in Canuasses, and Façtions,¹ that are otherwise Weake Men. Againe, it is one thing to vnderstand Persons,² and another thing to vnderstand Matters; For many are perfect in Mens Humours,³ that are not greatly Capable of the Reall Part of Buiness; Which is the Constitution of one, that hath studied Men, more then Bookes. Such Men are fitter for Practise, then for Counsell; And they are good but in their own Alley:⁴ Turne them to New Men, and they haue lost their Ayme;⁵ So as the old Rule, to know a Foole from a Wise Man; *Mitte ambos nudos*⁶ *ad ignotos, et videbis*;^a doth scarce hold for them. And because these *Cunning Men*, are like Haberdashers of Small Wares, it is not amisse to set forth their Shop.

It is a point of *Cunning*; to wait vpon him, with whom you speake, with your eye; As the Iesuities giue it in precept: For there be many Wise Men, that haue Secret Hearts, and Transparant Countenances. Yet this would be done, with a demure Abasing of your Eye sometimes, as the Iesuities also doe vse.

Another is, that when you haue any thing to obtaine

^a A saying of Aristippus. *Place both naked before unknown persons, and you will see.* Diog. Laertes. ii. 73.

"One of the Philosophers was askt; *What a wise Man differed from a Foole?* He answered; *Send them both naked, to those that know them not, and you will perceiue.*" Lord Bacon's *Apophth.* No. 255. Ed. 1625.

⁵ Ayme. *Artibus*, 'skill.'

⁶ *Nudos.* Omitted in the Latin.

⁷ Dispatch. *Aliquid propere, et facile obtinere et expedire cupias*, 'you desire to obtain and despatch any thing speedily and easily.'

⁸ Objections. *Objectiones et Scrupulos*, 'objections and scruples.'

⁹ Estate. *Rebus Status gravioribus*, 'about weightier matters of state.'

¹⁰ One was about to say. *Sermonis*, 'talk.'

¹¹ Tooke himselfe vp. *Deprehenderet, et contineret*, 'took himself up and restrained himself.'

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of present dispatch,⁷ you entertaine, and amuse the party, with whom you deale, with some other Discourse; That he be not too much awake, to make Obiections.⁸ I knew a *Counsellor* and *Secretary*, that neuer came to *Queene Elizabeth* of *England*, with Bills to signe, but he would alwaies first put her into some discourse of Estate,⁹ that she mought the lesse minde the Bills.

The like Surprize, may be made, by Mouing things, when the Party is in haste, and cannot stay, to consider aduisedly, of that is moued.

If a man would crosse a Businesse, that he doubts some other would handsomely and effectually moue, let him pretend to wish it well, and moue it himselfe, in such sort, as may foile it.

The breaking off, in the midst of that, one was about to say,¹⁰ as if he tooke himselfe vp,¹¹ breeds a greater Appetite in him, with whom you conferre, to know more.

And because it workes better, when any thing seemeth¹² to be gotten from you by Question, then if you offer it of your selfe, you may lay a Bait for a Question, by shewing another Visage and Countenance, then you are wont; To the end, to giue Occasion, for the party to aske, what the Matter is of the Change?¹³ As *Nehemias* did; *And I had not before that time been sad before the King.*^a

In Things, that are tender and vnpleasing, it is good to breake the Ice,¹⁴ by some whose Words are of lesse weight, and to referue¹⁵ the more weighty Voice, to come in, as by chance, so that he may be asked the

^a Nehemiah. ii. 1.

¹² Seemeth. Omitted in the Latin.

¹³ Change. *Oris mutatio*, 'change of [your] face.'

¹⁴ Breake the Ice. *Initia, de iis Sermonem inferendi, alicui alteri deputare*, 'to entrust the beginning of the talk about them to some other.'

¹⁵ Reserue. *In Subsidiis reservare*, 'reserve as a support.'

¹⁶ Others. *Qui ab altero injectus est*, 'which was thrown out by the other.'

¹⁷ Seen in, himselfe. *Quas a se amoliri quis cupiat*, 'which a person wishes to be removed from him.'

¹⁸ A point of Cunning. *Non inutile*, 'not useless.'

¹⁹ Point. *Species satis vafra*, 'subtle enough kind.'

²⁰ Take Advantage. *Alterum irretiat et subruat*, 'ensnare and undermine the other.'

²¹ Good Quarter betweene. *Invicem amice*, 'friendly together.'

²² It. *Illud Genus Honoris*, 'that kind of honour.'

²³ Caught vp. *Bona fide arripuit*, 'caught up in good faith.'

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Question vpon the others¹⁶ Speech. As *Narcissus* did, in relating to *Claudius*, the Marriage of *Messalina* and *Silius*.^a

In things, that a Man would not be seen in, himselfe;¹⁷ It is a Point of *Cunning*,¹⁸ to borrow the Name of the World; As to say; *The World sayes*, Or, *There is a speech abroad*.

I knew one, that when he wrote a Letter, he would put that which was most Materiall, in the *Post-script*, as if it had been a By-matter.

I knew another, that when he came to haue Speech, he would passe ouer that, that he intended most, and goe forth, and come backe againe, and speake of it, as of a Thing, that he had almost forgot.

Some procure themselues, to be surprized, at such times, as it is like, the party that they work vpon, will suddenly come vpon them: And to be found with a Letter in their hand, or doing somewhat which they are not accustomed; To the end, they may be apposed of those things, which of themselues they are desirous to vtter.

It is a Point¹⁹ of *Cunning*, to let fall those Words, in a Mans owne Name, which he would haue another Man learne, and vse, and thereupon take Aduantage.²⁰ I knew two, that were Competitors, for the Secretaries Place, in *Queene Elizabeths* time, and yet kept good Quarter betweene²¹ themselues; And would conferre, one with another, vpon the Businesse; And the one of them said, That to be a Secretary, in the *Declination of a Monarchy*, was a Ticklish Thing, and that he did not affect it:²² The other, straight caught vp²³ those

^a By first employing the Emperor's two chief mistresses, "Calpurnia, therefore, for that was the name of the courtesan, upon the first occasion of privacy, falling at the emperor's feet, exclaimed 'that Messalina had married Silius;' and at the same time asked Cleopatra [the other mistress], who purposely attended to attest it, 'whether she had not found it to be true?' Claudius, upon a confirmation from Cleopatra, ordered Narcissus to be called," &c. Tacitus. *Annals*. xi. 30.

²⁴ Those Words. *Verba illa, callide prolata*, 'those words, craftily uttered.'

²⁵ After the Queene. *Tanquam scilicet ab altero prolata*, 'as if they had been vttered by the other.'

²⁶ After Monarchy. *Cum ipsa se vigentem reputaret*, 'since she considered herself flourishing.'

²⁷ Cunning. *Astutiae Genus*, 'kind of cunning.'

²⁸ Call. *Satis absurde dicitur*, 'is called, absurdly enough.'

²⁹ Cat (cate). *Felem*, 'cat.'

³⁰ Make it appeare. *Probare et verificare*, 'prove and verify.'

³¹ A way. *Artificium in usu*, 'an artifice in use.'

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Words,²⁴ and discoursed with diuers of his Friends, that he had no reason to desire to be Secretary, in the *Declination of a Monarchy*. The first Man tooke hold of it, and found Meanes, it was told the *Queene*;²⁵ Who hearing of a *Declination of a Monarchy*,²⁶ tooke it so ill, as she would neuer after heare of the others Suit.

There is a *Cunning*,²⁷ which we in *England* call,²⁸ *The Turning of the Cat*²⁹ *in the Pan*; which is, when that which a Man sayes to another, he laies it, as if Another had said it to him. And to say Truth, it is not easie, when such a Matter passed between two, to make it appeare,³⁰ from which of them, it first moued and began.

It is a way,³¹ that some men haue, to glaunce and dart at Others, by Iustifying themselues, by Negatiues; As to say, *This I doe not*: As *Tigellinus* did towards *Burrhus*;³² *Se non diuerfas spes, sed Incolumitatem Imperatoris simpliciter spectare.*^a

Some haue in readinesse, so many Tales and Stories, as there is Nothing, they would insinuate, but they can wrap it into a Tale; which serueth both to keepe themselues more in Guard,³³ and to make others carry it,³⁴ with more Pleasure.

It is a good Point of *Cunning*, for a Man, to shape the Answer he would haue, in his owne Words, and Propositions;³⁵ For it makes the other Party sticke the lesse.

It is strange, how long some Men will lie in wait, to speake somewhat, they desire to say; And how farre about they will fetch; And how many other Matters

^a HE entertained not different hopes [hinting that Burrhus did] but simply consulted the safety of the Emperor. Tacitus. *Annals*. xiv. 57.

³² After Burrhus. *Sugillando*, 'suggesting.'

³³ After Guard. *Quasi nihil diserte affirmantes*, 'as saying nothing expressly.'

³⁴ Carry it. *Rem ipsam maiore cum voluptate spargi*, 'make the thing be spread with more pleasure.'

³⁵ Words, and Propositions. *Conceptis verbis*, 'in words conceived by himself.'

[*See similar paragraph below.*]

Euen in bufineffe there are fome that know the reforts and fals of bufines, that cannot finke into the maine of it: like a houle that hath conuenient flaires and entries, but neuer a faire roome. Therefore you fhall fee them finde out pretty loofes in the conclufion, but are no waies able to examine or debate matters: and yet commonly they take advantage of their inability, and would be thought wits of direktion. Some build rather vpon abufing others, and as wee now fay, putting trickes vpon them, then vpon foundneffe of their owne proceedings. But *Salomon* faith, *Prudens aduertit ad greffus fuos: stultus diuertit ad dolos.*

Very many are the differences betweene cunning and wifdome: and it were a good deed to fet them downe: for that nothing doth more hurte in ftate then that cunning men paffe for wife.



³⁶ Vnexpected. Omitted in the Latin.

³⁷ List. *Uberiorem Catalogum*, 'fuller list.'

³⁸ Maine. *Viscera, et interiora*, 'body and interior.'

³⁹ Conclusion. *Conclusionibus Deliberationum*, 'conclusions of deliberations.'

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they will beat ouer, to come neare it. It is a Thing of great Patience, but yet of much Vse.

A sudden, bold, and vnexpected³⁶ Question, doth many times surprise a Man, and lay him open. Like to him, that hauing changed his Name, and walking in *Pauls*, Another suddenly came behind him, and called him by his true Name, whereat straightwaies he looked backe.

But these Small Wares, and Petty Points of *Cunning*, are infinite: And it were a good deed, to make a List³⁷ of them: For that nothing doth more hurt in a State, then that *Cunning Men* passe for *Wife*.

But certainly, some there are, that know the Resorts and Falls of Businesse, that cannot sinke into the Maine³⁸ of it: Like a House, that hath conuenient Staires, and Entries, but neuer a faire Roome. Therefore, you shall see them finde out pretty Looses in the Conclusion,³⁹ but are no waies able to Examine, or debate Matters. And yet commonly they take aduantage of their Inability, and would be thought Wits of direction.⁴⁰ Some build rather vpon the Abusing of others, and (as we now say;) *Putting Tricks vpon them*;⁴¹ Then vpon Soundnesse of their own proceedings.⁴² But *Salomon* saith: *Prudens aduertit ad Greffus suos: Stultus diuertit ad Dolos.*^a



^a Prov. xiv. 15.

⁴⁰ After Direction. *Potius quam Disputandum*, 'rather than of discussion.'

⁴¹ Some build . . . vpon them. *Sunt qui magis innituntur Doiis, quos aliis struunt*, 'some rather lean upon snares which they lay for others.'

⁴² Proceedings. *Quam Consiliis solidiis et sanis*, 'than upon solid and sound counsels.'

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12. Of Loue.



There is the argument alwaies of *Comedies*, and many times of *Tragedies*. Which sheweth well, that it is a passion generally light, and sometimes extreme.

Extreame it may well bee, since the speaking in a perpetuall *Hyperbole*, is comely in nothing but *Loue*. Neither is it meerely in the phrase. For whereas it

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¹ Law-giuer. *Legislatorum inter Romanos Principem*, 'the chief of Roman law-givers.'

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hath beene well said, that the *Arch-flatterer* with whom al the petty-flatterers haue intelligence, is a Mans selfe, certainly the louer is more. For there was neuer proud Man thought so absurdly well of himselfe, as the louer doth of the person loued: and therefore it was well said, that it is impossible to loue, and to bee wise. Neither doth this weakenes appeare to others only, and not to the party loued, but to the loued most of all, except the loue bee reciproque, For it is a true rule, that loue is euer rewarded either with the reciproque, or with an inward and secret contempt. But how much the more, men ought to beware of this passion, which loseth not onely other things, but it selfe. As for the other losses, the Poets relation doth wel figure them: That hee that preferred *Helena*, quitted the gifts of *Iuno* and *Pallas*. For whosoever esteemeth too much of amorous affection, quitteth both riches and wisdom. This passion hath his floods in the verie times of weakenesse; Which are great prosperity, and great aduersitie. (though this latter hath beene lesse obserued) Both which times kindle loue and make it more feruent, and therefore shewe it to be the childe of folly. They doe best that make this affection keepe quarter, and feuer it wholly from their serious affaires and actions of their life. For if it checke once with businesse, it troubleth Mens fortunes, and maketh Men, that they can no waies be true to their own endes.



⁴ Well said. *Recte itaque receptum est illud Diuerbium*, 'rightly therefore, has that saying been received.'

⁵ *Instead of* That it is impossible to loue, and to be wise. *Amare et sapere vix Deo conceditur*, 'to love and be wise is scarcely allowed to a God.'

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hath beene well said,^{4a} that the Arch-flatterer, with whom all the petty Flatterers haue Intelligence, is a Mans Selfe; Certainly, the *Louer* is more. For there was neuer Proud Man, thought so absurdly well of himselfe, as the *Louer* doth of the Person *loued*: And therefore, it was well said; *That it is impossible to loue, and to be wise.*^{6b} Neither doth this weaknesse appeare to others onely, and not to the Party *Loued*; But to the *Loued*, most of all: except the *Loue* be reciproque. For, it is a true Rule, that *Loue* is euer rewarded, either with the Reciproque, or with an inward, and secret Contempt. By how much the more, Men ought to beware of this Passion, which loseth not only other things, but it selfe. As for the other losses, the Poets Relation, doth well figure them; That he that preferred *Helena*, quitted the Gifts of *Iuno*, and *Pallas*. For whosoever esteemeth too much of Amorous Affection, quitteth both *Riches*, and *Wisedome*. This Passion, hath his Clouds, in the very times of Weaknesse; which are, great *Prosperitie*; and great *Aduersitie*; though this latter hath beene lesse obserued. Both which times kindle *Loue*, and make it more feruent, and therefore shew it to be the Childe of Folly. They doe best, who, if they cannot but admit *Loue*, yet make it keepe Quarter: And seuer it wholly, from their serious Affaires, and Actions of _____ life: For if it checke once with Businesse, it troubleth Mens Fortunes,⁶ and maketh Men, that they can, no wayes be true, to their owne Ends.

I know not how,⁷ but Martiall Men, are giuen to *Loue*: I thinke it is, but as they are giuen to *Wine*;

^a Plutarch. *De Adulatore et Amico*. xi.

^b Publius Syrus. *Sententia*. xv.

⁶ Mens Fortunes. *Omnia*, 'everything.'

⁷ I know not how. *Quicquid in re sit*, 'However it may be.'

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8 Friars. *Monachis*, 'Monks.'

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For *Perils*, commonly aske, to be paid in *Pleasures*. There is in Mans Nature, a secret Inclination, and Motion, towards *loue* of others; which, if it be not spent, vpon some one, or a few, doth naturally spread it selfe, towards many; and maketh men become Humane and Charitable; As it is seene sometime in Friars.⁸ Nuptiall *loue* maketh Mankinde; Friendly *loue* perfecteth it; but Wanton *loue* Corrupteth, and Imbaseth it.

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36. Of Judicature.



Judges ought to remember that their office is *Jus dicere*, and not *Fas dare*; to interpret law, and not to make law, or give Law; Else will it be like the presumption of the Church of *Rome*, which under pretext of exposition of Scripture, usurpeth and praefileth an authority to adde and alter; and to pronounce that which they doe not finde, and by colour of Antiquity to introduce novelty. Judges ought to be more learned men, then wise; more reverend then plausible, and more aduised then confident. Above all things integrity is their portion and proper vertue. *Curios* (saith the Law) *is he that remoueth the Land-marke*. The mislatter of a Meere-stone is too blame. But it is the vniuersall Iudge that is the capitall remouer of Land-markes, when hee defineth amisse of lands and property. One soule sentence doth more hurt, then many soule examples; for they doe but corrupt the streame; the other corrupteth the fountaine. So saith *Salomon*; *Fini turbatus et terra corrupta est iustus cadens in caussâ suâ coram adversario*; The office of Iudges may haue reference vnto the parties that sue; vnto the Advocates that pleade; vnto the Clerkes and Ministers of Iustice vnderneath them; and to the Soueraigne or State above them.

There is (saith the Scripture) *that turne iudgement into worme-wood*; and surely there be also that turne it into vinegar: For iniustice maketh it bitter, and delates

FL. Emmons in posthumous Latin Edition of 1638.

¹ Title. *De Officio Iudicis*, "of the Judge's office."

² *Or must Law*. Observed in the Latin.

³ Meere Stone. *Septuagint*, *Finis distinguens*, "a stone marking boundaries."

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56. Of Judicature.¹

*J*udges ought to remember, that their Office is *Ius dicere*, and not *Ius dare*; *To Interpret Law*, and not to *Make Law*, or *Giue Law*.²

Else will it be like the Authority, claimed by the *Church of Rome*; which vnder pretext of Exposition of Scripture, doth not flicke to

Adde and Alter; And to Pronounce that, which they doe not Finde; And by *Shew of Antiquitie*, to introduce *Noueltie*. *Judges* ought to be more Learned,

then Wittie; More Reuerend, then Plausible; And more Aduised, then Confident. Aboue all Things, Integrity is their Portion, and Proper Vertue. *Curfed* (saith the Law) *is hee that remoueth the Land-marke*.^a The Mislaier of a *Meere Stone*³ is to blame. But it is the Vniust *Iudge*, that is the Capitall Remouer of Land-markes, when he Defineth amisse of Lands and Propertie. One Foule Sentence, doth more Hurt, then many Foule Examples. For these doe but Corrupt the Streame; The other Corrupteth the Fountaine. So saith *Salomon*; *Fons turbatus, et Vena corrupta, est Iustus cadens in causâ suâ coram Aduersario*.^b The Office of *Judges*, may haue Reference, Vnto the *Parties that sue*; Vnto the *Aduocates that Plead*; Vnto the *Clerkes* and *Ministers of Iustice* vnderneath them; And to the *Soueraigne* or *State* aboue them.

First, for the *Causes* or *Parties that Sue*. *There be* (saith the Scripture) *that turne Iudgement into Wormewood*;^c And surely, there be also, that turne it into *Vinegar*; For Iniustice maketh it Bitter, and Delaies

^a Deut. xxvii. 17.^b Prov. xxv. 26.^c Amos v. 7.

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make it fowre. The principall duty of a Iudge, is to fuppreffe force and fraude; wherof force is the more pernicious, the more open; and fraud the more clofe and disguised. Adde thereto contentious fuites, which ought to be fpewed out as the furfet of Courts. A Iudge ought to prepare his way to a iuft fentence, as God vfeth to prepare his way, by raifing valleis and taking downe hils: So when their appeareth on either fide an high hand, violent profecution, running aduantages taken, combination, power, great counfell, then is the vertue of a Iudge feene, to make inequality equall; that he may plant his iudgement as vpon an euen ground. *Qui fortiter emungit, elicit fanguinem*; And where the winepreffe is hard wrought, it yeelds a harfh wine that tastes of the grapeftone. Iudges muft beware of hard conftitutions and ftained inferences; for there is no worfe torture then the torture of lawes: fpecially in cafe of Lawes penall; they ought to haue care that that which was meant for terrour, be not turned into rigour; and that they bring not vpon the people that fhower whereof the Scripture fpeaketh; *Pluet fuper eos laqueos*: For penall lawes preffed, are a fhower of fnares vpon the people.

In caufes of life and death, Iudges ought as farre (as the law permitteth) in iuftice to remember mercy;

⁴ Iudge. *Judex strenuus*, 'an active judge.'

⁵ There appeareth. *Videt judex*, 'the judge fees.'

⁶ Power. *Patrocínio potentum*, 'patronage of powerful men.'

⁷ Great Counsel. *Advocatorum Disparitate, et Similibus*, 'disparity of counsel, and the like.'

⁸ Constructions. *Interpretationibus Legum*, 'constructions of the laws.'

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make it Soure. The Principall Dutie of a *Judge*,⁴ is to suppress Force and Fraud; whereof Force is the more Pernicious, when it is Open; And Fraud, when it is Close and Disguised. Adde thereto Contentious Suits, which ought to be spewed out, as the Surfet of Courts. A *Judge* ought to prepare his Way to a Iust Sentence, as *God* vseth to prepare his Way, by *Raising Valleys*, and *Taking downe Hills*:^a So when there appeareth⁵ on either side, an High Hand; Violent Prosecution. Cunning Aduantages taken, Combination, Power,⁶ Great Counsell,⁷ then is the Vertue of a *Judge* seene, to make Inequality Equall; That he may plant his *Judgement*, as vpon an Euen Ground. *Qui fortiter emungit, elicit sanguinem*;^b And where the Wine-Presse is hard wrought, it yeelds a harsh Wine, that tastes of the Grape-stone. *Judges* must beware of Hard Construc-tions,⁸ and Strained Inferences; For there is no Worse Torture, then the Torture of Lawes. Specially in case of Lawes Penall, they ought to haue Care, that that which was meant for Terroure, be not turned into Rigour; And that they bring not vpon the People, that Shower, whereof the Scripture speaketh; *Pluet super eos Laqueos*:^c For Penall Lawes Pressed,⁹ are a *Shower of Snares* vpon the People. Therefore, let *Penall Lawes*, if they haue beene Sleepers of long, or if they be growne vnfit for the present Time, be by Wise *Judges* confined in the Execution;

Iudicis Officium est, vt Res, ita Tempora Rerum, &c.^d In *Causēs of Life and Death*; *Judges* ought (as farre as the Law permitteth) in Iustice to remember Mercy;

^a Isaiah. xl. 4.

^b Prov. xxx. 33.

^c Ps. xi. 6.

^d It is a duty of a judge to enquire not only as to the fact, but also as to the circumstances. Ovid. *Tristia*. i. 1. 37.

⁹ Pressed. *Si severe Executioni demandentur*, 'if severely put in execution.'

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and to cast a seuere eie vpon the example, but a mercifull eie vpon the person.

Patience and grauity of hearing is an essential part of iustice, and an ouerspeaking Iudge is no well tuned Cymball. It is no grace to a Iudge, first to finde that which hee might haue heard in due time from the Barre; or to shew quicknesse of conceit in cutting of counsell or euidence too short; or to preuent information by questions, though pertinent. The partes of a Iudge are foure; to direct the euidence; to moderate length, repetition, or impertinency of speech; to recapitulate, selekt, and collate the materiall points of that which hath bene said; and to giue the rule or sentence. Whatfoeuer is aboue these, is too much; and proceedeth either of glory and willingnesse to speake, or of impatience to heare, or of shortnesse of memory, or of want of a staide or equall attention. It is a strange thing to see, that the boldnesse of Aduocates should preuaile with Iudges; whereas they should imitate God, in whose seate they sit, who represseth the presumptuous, and giueth grace to the modest. But it is more strange, that the custome of the time doth warrant Iudges to haue noted fauourites, which cannot but cause multiplication of fees, and suspition of by-waies. There is due from the Iudge to the Aduocate, some commendation and gracing, where causes are well handled and faire pleaded; speciallie towards the side which obtaineth not; For that vpholds in

¹⁰ Finde. *In Causa inueniat, et arripiat*, 'find and lay hold of in the cause.'

¹¹ Heard. *Melius audire*, 'better heard.'

¹² Length. *Advocatorum, et Testium, Prolixitatem*, 'length of advocates and witnesses.'

¹³ Rule. Omitted in the Latin.

¹⁴ Giueth Grace to. *Erigere*, 'raiseth.'

¹⁵ Noted Fauourites. *Advocatis quibusdam præ cæteris immoderate et*

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And to Cast a Seuerer Eye vpon the Example, but a Mercifull Eye vpon the Person.

Secondly, for the *Aduocates* and *Counsell that Plead*: Patience and Grauitie of Hearing, is an Essentiall Part of Iustice; And an Ouer-speaking *Iudge* is no *well tuned Cymball*.^a It is no Grace to a *Iudge*, first to finde¹⁰ that, which hee might haue heard,¹¹ in due time, from the Barre; or to shew Quicknesse of Conceit in Cutting off Euidence or Counsell too short; Or to preuent Information, by Questions though Pertinent. The Parts of a *Iudge* in Hearing are Foure: To direct the Euidence; To Moderate Length,¹² Repetition, or Impertinency of Speech; To Recapitulate, Select, and Collate, the Materiall Points of that, which hath beene said; And to Giue the Rule¹³ or Sentence. Whatsoeuer is aboue these, is too much; And proceedeth, Either of Glory and willingnesse to Speake; Or of Impatience to Heare, Or of Shortnesse of Memorie; Or of Want of a Staid and Equall Attention. It is a Strange Thing to see, that the Boldnesse of *Aduocates*, should preuaile with *Judges*; Whereas they should imitate *God*, in whose Seat they sit; who *represseth the Presumptuous*, and *giueth Grace*¹⁴ *to the Modest*.^b But it is more Strange, that

Judges should haue Noted Fauourites;¹⁵ Which cannot but Cause Multiplication of Fees,¹⁶ and Suspicion of By-waies.¹⁷ There is due from the *Iudge*, to the *Aduocate*, some Commendation and Gracing, where *Causēs* are well Handled, and faire Pleaded; Especially towards the Side which obtaineth not; For that vpholds, in

^a Ps. cl. 5. (Prayer Book version).

^b James. iv. 6.

aperte favore, 'should immoderately and openly favour some advocates above the others.'

¹⁶ Multiplication of Fees. *Mercēs Advocatorum augeat et multiplicet*, 'increases and multiplies the fees of advocates.'

¹⁷ By-waies. *Corruptionis et obliqui ad Iudices aditus*, 'of corruption and byways to the judges.'

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the Client the reputation of his counsell, and beats down in him the conceit of his cause. There is likewise due to the publike a ciuill reprehension of Aduocates, where there appeareth cunning counsell, grosse neglect, slight information, indiscreet pressing, or an ouerbold defence.

The place of Iustice is an hallowed place; and therefore not onely the bench, but the footepace and precincts and purprise thereof ought to bee preserued without scandall and corruption. For certainly *Grapes* (as the Scripture saith) *will not be gathered of thornes or thistles*; neither can Iustice yeeld her fruit with sweetnesse, amongst the briers and brambles of chatching and poling Clearkes and Ministers. The attendance of Courts is subiect to foure bad instruments; First, certaine persons that are sowers of suits, which make the Court swel, and the Country pine. The second sort is of those that ingage Courts in quarrels of Iurisdiction, and are not truly, *Amici Curiae*, but *Parasiti Curiae*, in puffing a Court vp beyond her bounds for their own scrappes and aduantage. The third sort is of those that may bee accounted the left hands of Courts, persons that are full of nimble and sinister trickes and shiftes, whereby they peruert the plaine and direct courses of Courts, and

¹⁸ Let not the Counsel. *Advocatus autem illud tribuat Iudici*, 'let the advocate moreover allow this to the judge.'

¹⁹ Halfe-Way. *Mediæ, et nullatenus perorata*, 'half-way and not heard throughout.'

²⁰ Say. *Conqueratur*, 'complain.'

²¹ Heard. *Ad plenum non auditas* 'not fully heard.'

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the *Client*, the Reputation of his *Counsell*, and beats downe, in him, the Conceit of his *Cause*. There is likewise due to the *Publique*, a Ciuill Reprehension of *Aduocates*, where there appeareth Cunning Counsell, Grosse Neglect, Slight Information, Indiscreet Pressing, or an Ouer-bold Defence. And let not the *Counsell*¹⁸ at the Barre, chop with the *Iudge*, nor winde himselfe into the handling of the *Cause* anew, after the *Iudge* hath Declared his Sentence: But on the other side, Let not the *Iudge* meet the *Cause* halfe Way;¹⁹ Nor giue Occasion to the Partie to say;²⁰ *His Counsell or Proofes were not heard.*²¹

Thirdly, for that that concerns *Clerks*, and *Ministers*. The Place of *Iustice*, is an Hallowed Place; And therefore, not only the Bench, but the Foot-pace, and Precincts, and Purprise²² thereof, ought to be preferued without Scandall and Corruption. For certainly, *Grapes*, (as the *Scripture* saith) *will not be gathered of Thornes or Thistles:*^a Neither can *Iustice* yeeld her Fruit with Sweetnesse, amongst the Briars and Brambles, of Catching and Poling²³ *Clerkes* and *Ministers*. The Attendance of Courts is subiect to Foure bad Instruments. First, Certaine Persons, that are Sowers of Suits; which make the Court swell, and the Country pine. The Second Sort is of those, that ingage Courts, in Quarrels of Iurisdiction, and are not truly *Amici Curiae*, but *Parasiti Curiae*;^b in puffing vp a Court beyond her Bounds, for their owne Scraps, and Aduantage. The Third Sort is of those, that may be accounted, the Left Hands of Courts; Persons that are full of Nimble and Sinister²⁴ Trickes and Shifts, whereby they peruert the Plaine and Direct²⁵ Courfes of *Courts*, and

^a Matt. vii. 16.

^b Not friends but parasites of the Court.

²² Purprise Omitted in the Latin.

²³ Poling. *Lucris inhiantium*, 'gaping for gain.'

²⁴ Nimble and sinister. Omitted in the Latin.

²⁵ Plaine and Direct. *Legitimos*, 'lawful.'

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bring iustice into oblike lines and labirinthes. And the fourth is the Poler and exacter of fees, which iustifies the common resemblance of the Courts of Iustice, to the bush, wherunto while the sheepe flies for defence in weather, hee is sure to lose part of his fleece. On the other side an ancient Clearke, skilfull in presidents, wary in proceeding, and vnderstanding in the businesse of the Court, is an excellent finger of a Court, and doth many times point the way to the Iudge himselfe.

Lastly,

Iudges ought aboue al to remember the conclusion of the Roman twelue Tables; *Salus populi suprema lex*, and to know that Lawes, except they bee in order to that ende are but things captious, and Oracles not well inspired. Therefore it is an happy thing in a State, when Kings and States doe often consult with Iudges; and againe, when Iudges doe often consult with the King and State: the one, when there is matter of Law interuenient in businesse of State; the other when there is some consideration of State interuenient in matter of Lawe. For many times the thing deduced to Iudgement, may bee *meum et tuum*, when the reason and consequence thereof may trench to point of estate; I call matter of estate not only the parts of Soueraignty, but whatsoeuer introduceth any great alteration or dangerous president or concerneth manifestly any great portion of people. And let no man weakely conceiue that iust lawes, and true pollicy, haue any antipathy. For they are like the spirits, and sinewes

²⁶ Parts of Souereignty. *Quid ad Jura Regalia impetenda s. ceter,*
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bring *Iustice* into Oblique Lines and Labyrinths. And the Fourth is, the Poler and Exacter of Fees ; which iustifies the Common Resemblance of the *Courts* of *Iustice*, to the *Bush*, whereunto while the Sheepe flies for defence in Wether, hee is fure to loose Part of his Fleece. On the other side, an *Ancient Clerke*, skilfull in Presidents, Wary in Proceeding, and Vnderstanding in the *Businesse* of the *Court*, is an excellent Finger of a *Court* ; And doth many times point the way to the *Judge* himselfe.

Fourthly, for that which may concerne the *Soueraigne* and *Estate*. *Judges* ought aboue all to remember the Conclusion of the *Roman Twelue Tables* ; *Salus Populi Suprema Lex* ;^a And to know, that Lawes, except they bee in Order to that End, are but Things Captious, and Oracles not well Inspired. Therefore it is an Happie Thing in a *State*, when *Kings* and *States* doe often Consult with *Judges* ; And againe, when *Judges* doe often Consult with the *King* and *State* : The one, when there is Matter of Law, interuenient in Businesse of State ; The other, when there is some Consideration of State, interuenient in Matter of Law. For many times, the Things Deduced to *Iudgement*, may bee *Meum* and *Tuum*, when the Reason and Consequence thereof, may Trench to Point of Estate : I call Matter of Estate, not onely the parts of *Soueraigntie*,²⁶ but whatfoeuer introduceth any Great²⁷ Alteration, or Dangerous president ; Or Concerneth manifestly any great Portion of People. And let no Man weakly conceiue, that Iust Laws, and True Policie, haue any *Antipathie* : For they are like the Spirits, and Sinewes,

^a Not the laws of the Twelve Tables, but Cicero. *De Legibus*. iii. 3. *The welfare of the people is the highest law.*

²⁷ Great. *Minus tutam*, 'unsafe.'

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that one moues with the other.

Neither ought Iudges to be so ignorant of their owne right, as to thinke there is not left to them as a principall part of their office, a wise vse and application of Lawes. For they may remember what the Apostle saith of a greater law then theirs, *Nos scimus, quia lex bona est, modo quis ea utatur legitime.*



²⁸ Right. *Juris et Prerogativa*, 'right and prerogative.'

²⁹ Theirs. *Humanis legibus*, 'human laws.'

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that One moues with the Other. Let *Judges* also remember, that *Salomons Throne*, was supported by Lions, on both Sides;^a Let them be Lions, but yet Lions vnder the Throne; Being circumspect, that they doe not checke, or oppose any Points of *Soueraigntie*. Let not *Judges* also, be so Ignorant of their owne Right,²⁸ as to thinke, there is not left to them, as a Principall Part of their Office, a Wise Vse, and application of Lawes. For they may remember, what the *Apostle* saith, of a Greater *Law*, then theirs;²⁹ *Nos scimus quia Lex bona est, modò quis eâ utatur Legitimè.*^b



^a 1 Kings. x. 29.

^b 1 Tim. i. 8 (Vulgate.)

37. Of Vaine-glory.



T was pretily deuised of *Æsop*, *The Flie fate vpon the Axletree of the Chariot wheele*, and said, *What a dust doe I raise?* So there are some vaine persons, that whatsoeuer goeth alone, or moues vpon greater meanes,

they thinke it is they that carry it. They that are glorious must needs be factious; for all brauery stands vpon comparisons. They must needs be violent to make good their owne vaunts. Neither can they bee secret, and therefore not effectually; but according to the *French* prouerb, *Beaucoup de bruit et peu de fruit*, Much bruit, little fruit. Yet certainly there is vse of this quality in ciuill affaires. Where there is an opinion and fame to bee created, either of *Vertue* or *Greatnesse*: these men are good Trumpeters. Again, as *Titus Liuius* noteth in the case of *Antiochus* and the *Ætolians*, *There are sometimes greate effects of crosse lies*; as if a man that should interpose himselfe to negotiate between two,

should to either of them feuerally pretend, more interest then he hath in the other. And in this and the like kind, it often fals out, that somewhat is produced of nothing. For lies are sufficient to breed opinion, and opinion brings on

VII. Variations in posthumous Latin Edition of 1638.

¹ Vaine. *Fuiles et Vani*, 'worthless and vain.'

² Carry it. *Machinam totam vertere*, 'turn the whole machine.'

³ Created. *Fama excitanda sit, vel Opinio late spargenda*, 'fame to be raised or opinion to be widely spread.'

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54. Of Vaine-Glory.



T was prettily Deuised of *Aesope*; *The Fly fate vpon the Axle-tree of the Chariot wheele, and said, What a Dust doe I raise?* So there are some *Vaine*¹ *Persons*, that whatsoeuer goeth alone, or moueth vpon greater Means, if they haue neuer so little Hand in it, they thinke it is they that carry it.² They that are *Glorious*, must needs be *Factionous*; For all Brauery stands vpon Comparisons. They must needs be *Violent*, to make good their owne Vaunts. Neither can they be *Secret*, and therefore not Effectuall; but according to the *French* Prouerb; *Beaucoup de Bruit, peu de Fruit: Much Bruit, little Fruit.* Yet certainly there is Vse of this Qualitie, in Ciuill Affaires. Where there is an Opinion, and Fame to be created,³ either of Vertue, or Greatnesse, these Men are good Trumpetters. Againe, as *Titus Liuius* noteth, in the Case of *Antiochus*, and the *Ætolians*; *There are sometimes great Effects of Crosse*⁴ *Lies*:^a As if a Man, that Negotiates between Two Princes, to draw them to ioyne in a Warre against the Third, doth extoll the Forces of either of them, aboue Measure,⁵ the One to the Other: And sometimes, he that deales between Man and Man, raiseth his owne Credit, with Both, by pretending greater Interest, then he hath in Either. And in these, and the like Kindes, it often falls out, that *Somewhat* is produced of *Nothing*: For Lies are sufficient to breed Opinion, and Opinion brings on

^a Livy. xxxvii. 48.

⁴ Crosse. *Reciproca, et ex utraque parte*, 'reciprocal and on both sides.'

⁵ Measure. *Modum, et Veritatem*, 'measure and truth.'

substance.

But principally cases of great enterprise, vpon charge and aduventure such composition of glorious natures doth put life into busines, and those that are of solid and sober natures haue more of the ballast, then of the faile.

Certainely *Vaine-glory* helpeth to perpetuate a mans memory, and *Vertue* was neuer so beholding to humane nature, as it receiued his due at the second hand. Neither had the fame of *Cicero*, *Seneeca*, *Plinius Secundus*, borne her age so well, if it had not beene ioined with some vanity in themselves; like vnto varnish, that makes feelings not onely shine, but last. But all this while, when I speake of *Vaine-glory*, I meane not of that property that *Tacitus* doth attribute to *Mucianus*, *Omnium quæ dixerat feceratque arte quadam ostentator*. For that proceedes not of vanity, but of a natural magnanimity and discretion; and in some persons is not onely comely, but gracious. For exultations, ceptions, modesty it selfe well go-

⁶ Substance. *Rem et Substantiam*, 'matter and substance.'

⁷ Sharpeneth. *Acuuntur, et excitantur*, 'sharpen and stir up.'

⁸ Learning. *Doctrinæ et Literarum*, 'learning and literature.'

⁹ The Flight will be slow. *Non volitabit Fama illius per Ora Virum, neque bene Alata erit*, 'the fame thereof will not fly through the mouths of men, nor will it be well winged.'

¹⁰ After Galen. (*Magna Nomina*), '(great names).'

¹¹ Perpetuate. *Propagandam et perpetuandam*, 'spread and perpetuate.'

¹² And Vertue . . . Second Hand. *Neque Virtus ipsa, tantum Humanæ Naturæ debet, propter Nominis sui Celebrationem, quantum sibiipsi*, 'nor does virtue itself owe as much to human nature for the celebration of its name as to itself.'

¹³ Borne her Age. *Ad hunc usque diem vix durasset, aut saltem non tam vegeta*, 'would not have lasted till this time, or at least, not so fresh.'

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Substance.⁶ In Militar[y] Commanders and Soldiers, *Vaine-Glory* is an Essentiall Point; For as Iron sharpens Iron, so by *Glory* one Courage sharpneth⁷ another. In Cases of great Enterprise, vpon Charge and Aduenture, a Composition of *Glorious* Natures, doth put life into Businesse; And those that are of Solide and Sober Natures, haue more of the Ballast, then of the Saile. In Fame of Learning,⁸ the Flight will be slow⁹, without some Feathers of *Ostentation*. *Qui de contemnendâ Gloriâ Libros scribunt, Nomen suum inscribunt.*^a *Socrates, Aristotle, Galen,*¹⁰ were Men full of *Ostentation*. Certainly *Vaine-Glory* helpeth to Perpetuate¹¹ a Mans Memory; And Vertue was neuer so Beholding to Humane Nature, as it receiued his due at the Second Hand.¹² Neither had the Fame of *Cicero, Seneca, Plinius Secundus*, borne her Age¹³ so well, if it had not been ioyned, with some *Vanity*¹⁴ in themselves: Like vnto Varnish, that makes Seelings¹⁵ not onely Shine, but Last. But all this while, when I speake of *Vaine-Glory*, I meane not of that Property, that *Tacitus* doth attribute to *Mucianus*; *Omnium, quæ dixerat, feceratque, Arte quadam Ostentator.*^b For that proceeds not of *Vanity*, but of Naturall¹⁶ Magnanimity, and discretion:¹⁷ And in some Persons,¹⁸ is not onely Comely, but Gracious. For Excusations,¹⁹ Cessions,²⁰ Modesty it selfe well Go-

^a Those who write works in contempt of glory, put their own names to the books. *Cicero. Tusculan Disputations. i. 15.*

^b The manifestor, by a certain art, of all things that he had said and done. *Tacitus. History. ii. 80.*

¹⁴ Vanity. *Vanitate et Jactantia*, 'vanity and boastfulness.'

¹⁵ Seelings. *Ligna*, 'wood-work.'

¹⁶ Naturall. Omitted in the Latin.

¹⁷ Discretion. *Arte et prudentia*, 'art and wisdom.'

¹⁸ After Persons. *Qui natura veluti comparati ad eam sunt*, 'who are fitted for this by nature.'

¹⁹ Excusations. *Excusationes decoræ*, 'comely excusations.'

²⁰ Cessions. *Concessionones tempestivæ*, 'timely cessions.'

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uerned are but arts of ostentation: and amongst those Arts there is none better, then that which *Plinius Secundus* speaketh of, which is to be liberall of praise and commendation to others, in that wherein a mans selfe hath any perfection. For faith *Plinie* very wittily; *In commending another, you do your selfe right; for hee that you commend, is either superior to you in that you commend, or inferiour. If he be inferiour if he be to be commended; you much more: if he be superiour if hee be not commended; you much lesse.*



²¹ Liberall. *Liberaliter et copiose*, 'liberally and abundantly.'

²² Commendation. Omitted in the Latin.

²³ In that you Commend. Omitted in the Latin.

²⁴ Idols. *Præda et Esca*, 'booty and baits.'

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uernered, are but Arts of *Ostentation*. And amongst those Arts, there is none better, then that which *Plinius Secundus* speaketh of; which is to be Liberall²¹ of Praise and Commendation²² to others, in that, wherein a Mans Selfe hath any Perfection. For saith *Pliny* very Wittily; *In commending Another, you doe your selfe right; For he that you Commend, is either Superiour to you, in that you Commend,*²³ *or Inferiour. If he be Inferiour, if he be to be Commended, you much more: If he be Superiour, if he be not to be commended, you much lesse.* Glorious Men are the Score of Wise Men; the Admiration of Fooles; The Idols²⁴ of Parasites; And the Slaues of their own Vaunts.²⁵



²¹ *Pliny. Epistles. vi. 17.*

²⁵ Their own Vaunts. *Sibiipsis et Gloria vana*, 'themselves and their vain glory.'

38. Of the greatnesse of Kingdomes.



He speech of *Themistocles*, which
was arrogant in challenge,

is profitable in censure.

Desired at a banquet to touch a Lute,
hee said, *He could not fiddle; but he could make a
small Towne to become a great Citie.* This speech at a
time of folace, and not ferious, was vnciuill, and at no
time could be decent of a mans selfe. But it may haue
a pretie application: For to speake truly of politikes and
Statesmen, there are sometimes, though rarely, those
that can make a small estate great, and cannot
fiddell. And there bee

many that can fiddell very cunningly, and yet
the procedure of their Art is

to make a
flourishing estate ruinous and distressed.
For certainly those degenerate Arts,
whereby diuers politikes and Gouvernors doe gaine
both satisfaction with their Masters, and admiration
with the vulgar, deserue no better name then fiddling;

if they adde nothing to the safetie, strenght, and
amplitude of the States they gouerne.

VI. Variations in posthumous Latin Edition of 1638.

¹ TITLE. *De Proferendis Finibus Imperii*, 'of extending the bounds of empire.'

² Metaphore. *Ad Sensum politicam translata*, 'transferred to a political meaning.'

³ Expresse. *Optime describunt, et distinguunt*, 'well describe and define.'

⁴ Estate. *Rerum Gubernacula tractant*, 'who manage the helm of affairs.'

29. Of the true Greatnesse of Kingdomes and Estates.¹

THe Speech of *Themistocles* the *Athenian*, which was Haughtie and Arrogant, in taking so much to Himselfe, had been a Graue and Wife Obseruation and Censure, applied at large to others. Desired at a Feast to touch a Lute, he said; *He could not fiddle, but yet he could make a small Towne, a great City.*^a These Words (holpen a little with a Metaphore)² may expresse³ two differing Abilities, in those that deale in Businesse of Estate.⁴ For if a true Suruey be taken, of Counsellours⁵ and Statesmen, there may be found (though rarely) those, which can make an *Small State*⁶ *Great*, and yet cannot *Fiddle*: As on the other side, there will be found a great many, that can *fiddle* very cunningly,⁷ but yet are so farre from being able, to make a *Small State Great*, as their Gift lieth the other way; To bring a Great and Flourishing Estate to Ruine and Decay. And certainly, those Degenerate Arts and Shifts, whereby many Counsellours and Gouvernours, gaine both *Fauour* with their Masters, and Estimation with the Vulgar, deserue no better Name then *Fidling*; Being Things, rather pleasing for the time, and gracefull to themselves onely, then tending⁸ to the Weale and Advancement of the State, which they serue. There are also (no doubt) Counsellours and Gouvernours, which may be held sufficient, (*Negotijs pares*,) Able to mannage Affaires, and to keepe them from *Precipices*,

^a Plutarch. *Themistocles*. ii. *Cimon*. 7.

⁵ Counsellours. *Regum Consiliarios, Senatores, aliosque ad Negotia publica admos, qui usquam fuerunt*, 'councillors of kings, senators, and others applied to public business, who have lived anywhere.'

⁶ State. *Regnum aut Civitatem*, 'kingdom or state.'

⁷ Cunningly. *In Cythara, aut Lyra (hoc est Aulicis tricis) miri Artifices*, 'wonderful players on the lute or lyre (that is, in court tricks).'

⁸ Tending. *Utiles, aut Accommodæ*, 'profitable or fit.'

The greatnes of a State in bulke or territory, doth fall vnder meafure; and the greatnes of finances and reuenew, doth fall vnder computation: the population may appeare by Mufters, and the number and greatneffe of Cities and Towns by Carts and Mappes: but yet there is nothing among ciuill affaires more fubiect to error, then the right valuacion and true iudgement concerning the greatnes of an eftate. Certainly there is a kind of reſemblance betweene the Kingdome of heauen, and the Kingdomes vpon the earth. The Kingdome of heauen is compared not to any great kernell, or nut; but to a graine of Mufterd; which is one of the leaſt of graines, but hath in it a propertie and ſpirit haſtily to get vp and ſpread. So are there States that are great in Territory, and yet not apt to conquer or inlarge: and others that haue but a ſmall dimention or ſtemme, and yet apt to be the foundation of great Monarchies.

⁹ Power, Meanes, and Fortune. Omitted in the Latin.

¹⁰ Meanes. *Quibus Artibus obtineri poſſit*, 'by what means it can be obtained.'

¹¹ Great and Mightie. Omitted in the Latin.

¹² After Hand. *Et diligenter meditentur*, 'and carefully to conſider.'

¹³ Leese. *Implicent*, 'involve.'

¹⁴ Vaine. *Vanis et nimis Arduis*, 'vain and too difficult.'

¹⁵ Finances. Omitted in the Latin.

¹⁶ Iudgment. Omitted in the Latin.

¹⁷ Nut. *Nuci alicui grandiori*, 'any large nut.'

¹⁸ Spread. *Latius diffundat*, 'ſpread widely.'

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and manifest Inconueniences ; which neuerthelesse, are farre from the Abilitie, to raise and Amplifie an Estate, in Power, Meanes, and Fortune.⁹ But be the workemen what they may be, let vs speake of the Worke ; That is ; The true *Greatnesse of Kingdomes and Estates* ; and the *Meanes*¹⁰ thereof. An Argument, fit for Great and Mightie¹¹ Princes, to haue in their hand ;¹² To the end, that neither by Ouer-measuring their Forces, they leese¹³ themselues in vaine¹⁴ Enterprises ; Nor on the other side, by vnderualuing them, they descend to Fearefull and Pusillanimous Counsell.

The *Greatnesse* of an Estate in Bulke and Territorie, doth fall vnder Measure ; And the *Greatnesse* of Finances¹⁵ and Reuenew doth fall vnder Computation. The Population may appeare by Musters : And the Number and *Greatnesse* of Cities and Townes, by Cards and Maps. But yet there is not any Thing amongst Ciuill Affaires, more subiect to Errour, then the right valuation, and true Iudgement,¹⁶ concerning the Power and Forces of an Estate.

The *Kingdome of Heauen*

is compared, not to any great Kernell or Nut,¹⁷ but to a *Graine of Mustard-seed* ;^a which is one of the least Graines, but hath in it a Propertie and Spirit, hastily to get vp and spread.¹⁸ So are there States,¹⁹ great in Territorie,²⁰ and yet not apt to Enlarge,²¹ or Command ;²² And some, that haue but a small Dimension of Stemme,²³ and yet apt to be the Foundations of Great Monarchies.²⁴

^a Matt. xiii. 31.

⁹ States. *Regna et status*, 'kingdoms and states.'

²⁰ Territorie. *Ambitu quidem et Regionum Tractu*, 'in circumference and extent of country.'

²¹ Enlarge. *Ad Fines ulterius proferendos*, 'to extend their boundaries further.'

²² Command. *Latius imperandum*, 'command more widely.'

²³ Of Stemme. Omitted in the Latin.

²⁴ Of Great Monarchies. *In quibus maximæ Monarchiæ inædificentur*, 'on which great monarchies can be built.'

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Walled Towns, stored Arcenals and Armories, goodly Stables, Elephants (if you wil) Masse of treafure, Number in Armies, Ordinance, and Artillerie, they are all but a Sheep in a Lions skin, except the breed and disposition of the people be militarie.

²⁵ Armouries. Omitted in the Latin.

²⁶ Ordinance, Artillery. *Machinæ atque Tormenta Bellica omnigena*, 'all kinds of military machines and engines.'

²⁷ Weake Courage. *Imbelles, et ignavi*, 'unwarlike and slothful.'

²⁸ Sea of People. *Oculis Macedonum, tanquam vastum Hominum Pelagus, subiciebatur*, 'lay before the eyes of the Macedonians like a vast sea of people.'

²⁹ Easie. *Opinione faciliior*, 'easier than he thought.'

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Walled Townes, Stored Arcenalls and Armouries,²⁵ Goodly Races of Horfe, Chariots of Warre, Elephants, Ordnance, Artillery,²⁶ and the like: All this is but a Sheep in a Lions Skin, except the Breed and disposition of the People, be stout and warlike. Nay Number (it felfe) in Armies, importeth not much, where the People is of weake Courage:²⁷ For (as *Virgil* faith) *It neuer troubles a Wolfe, how many the sheepe be.*^a The Armie of the *Persians*, in the Plaines of *Arbela*, was such a vast Sea of People,²⁸ as it did somewhat astonish the Commanders in *Alexanders* Armie; Who came to him therefore, and wisht him, to fet vpon them by Night; But hee answered, *He would not pilfer the Victory.*^b And the Defeat was Easie.²⁹ When *Tigranes* the *Armenian*, being incamped vpon a Hill, with 400000. Men, discovered the Armie of the *Romans*, being not about 14000. Marching towards him, he made himselfe Merry with it, and said; *Yonder Men, are too Many for an Ambassage, and too Few for a Fight.* But before the Sunne sett, he found them enough, to giue him the Chace, with infinite Slaughter. Many are the Examples, of the great oddes between Number and Courage: So that a Man may truly make a Iudgement;³⁰ That the Principal Point of *Greatnesse*³¹ in any *State*, is to haue a Race of Military Men.³² Neither is Money the Sinewes of Warre, (as it is triuially said)³³ where the Sinewes of Mens Armes, in Base and Effeminate People, are failing. For *Solon* said well to *Cræsus* (when in Ostentation he shewed him his Gold) *Sir, if*

^a *Virgil. Bucolics. vii. 52.*

^b *Plutarch. Alexander. xxxi.*

³⁰ So that a Man . . . a Iudgement. *Pro re certissima, et exploratissima decernatur, et statuatur;* 'it may be determined and set down as a most certain and ascertained fact.'

³¹ Of Greatnesse. *Omnium, quæ ad Magnitudinem Regni aut status spectent,* 'of all things which belong to the greatness of a kingdom or state.'

³² Race of Military Men. *Ut populus ipse sit stirpe et Ingenio bellicosus,* 'that the people themselves should be warlike in race and disposition.'

³³ Neither is . . . (as it is triuially said). *Atque illud magis tritum, quam verum,* 'and that is more trite than true.'

The helpe is mercenary aides. But a Prince or State that resteth vpon waged Companies of forraine Armes, and not of his owne Natiues, may spread his feathers for a time, but he will mew them soone after.

The blessing of *Iudah* and *Iffachar* will neuer meet, to be both the Lions whelpe, and the Affe laid betweene burthens: Neither will a people ouer charged with tributes, bee euer fit for Empire.

Nobilitie and Gentlemen multiplying in too great a proportion, maketh the common subiect grow to bee a

³⁴ Except his Militia of Natiues. *Cajus subditi Nativi et Indigenæ, non sunt*, 'whose natural and native subjects are not.'

³⁵ In this Case. *Cum Copiæ Nativæ desint*, 'when native forces fail.'

³⁶ Or Prince. Omitted in the Latin.

³⁷ Feathers. *Pennas, Nido majores*, 'wings beyond his nest.'

³⁸ Abate. *Dejicere, et deprimere, quam quæ ex Imperio mero indicuntur*, 'cast down and depress less than those which are imposed by a mere command.'

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any Other come, that hath better Iron then you, he will be Master of all this Gold.^a Therefore let any Prince or State, thinke soberly of his Forces, except his *Militia* of Natiues,³⁴ be of good and Valiant Soldiers. And let Princes, on the other side, that haue Subiects of Martiall disposition, know their owne Strength; vnlesse they be otherwise wanting vnto Themselues. As for *Mercenary Forces*, (which is the Helpe in this Case)³⁵ all Examples shew; That whatsoeuer Estate or Prince³⁶ doth rest vpon them; *Hee may spread his Feathers*³⁷ for a time, but he will mew them soone after.

The *Blesing* of *Iudah* and *Iffachar* will neuer meet; That the same People or Nation, should be both The *Lions* whelp, and the *Affe* betweene *Burthens*.^b Neither will it be, that a People ouer-laid with *Taxes*, should euer become Valiant, and Martiall. It is true, that *Taxes* leuied by Consent of the Estate, doe abate³⁸ Mens Courage lesse; As it hath beene seene notably, in the *Excises* of the *Low Countries*; And in some degree, in the *Subsidies* of *England*. For you must note, that we speake now, of the Heart, and not of the Purse. So that, although the same *Tribute* and *Tax*,³⁹ laid by Consent, or by Imposing, be all one to the Purse,⁴⁰ yet it workes diuersly vpon the Courage.⁴¹ So that you may conclude; *That no People, ouer-charged with Tribute, is fit for Empire*,

Let States⁴² that aime at *Greatnesse*, take heed how their *Nobility*⁴³ and *Gentlemen*, doe multiply too fast. For that maketh the Common Subiect, grow to be a

^a Lucian. *Charon*.

^b Gen. xlix. 9, 14.

³⁹ The same *Tribute* and *Tax*. *Tributa*, 'tributes.'

⁴⁰ To the Purse. *Quoad Opes exhauriendas*, 'as to the exhaustion of wealth.'

⁴¹ Courage. *Animos Subditorum*, 'courage of the subjects.'

⁴² States. *Regnis et Statibus*, 'kingdoms and states.'

⁴³ Nobility. *Nobiles et Patricii, atque* (quos vocamus) *Generosi*, 'nobles and patricians, and those we call gentlemen.'

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pefant and base fwaine driuen out of heart, and
but the Gentlemans laborer :

like as it is in copices, where if you leaue your staddels
too thick, you shal neuer haue cleane vnderwood, but
shrubbes and bushes.

And take away the middle
people, and you take away the infanterie, which is the
nerue of an Armie : and you bring it to this, that not
the hundreth pole will be fit for a helmet, and so
great population and little strength.

Certainely *Virgil* coupled Armes and the Plough to-
gether well in the constitution of ancient *Italy* ;

Terra potens armis atque vberè glebæ :

For it is the Plough that yeeldeth the best fouldier ;

⁴⁴ A Peasant and base Swaine. *Humilis et abjecta*, 'low and base.'

⁴⁵ Driuen out of Heart. Omitted in the Latin.

⁴⁶ Labourer. *Nobilium Mancipia et Operarii*, 'the nobles' slaves and labourers.'

⁴⁷ Staddles. *Caudicum, sive Arborum majorum*, 'trunks or greater trees.'

⁴⁸ Cleane. *Sincera et pura*, 'sound and clean.'

⁴⁹ But Shrubs and Bushes. *Sed major pars in Vepres et Dumos degenerabit*, 'but the greater part will degenerate into shrubs and bushes.'

⁵⁰ Base. *Vilis and ignava*, 'base and sluggish.'

⁵¹ Poll. *Caput*, 'head.'

⁵² Nerue. *Robur præcipuum*, 'chief strength.'

⁵³ After Ouermatch. *Fere semper in Bellis*, 'almost always in war.'

⁵⁴ Middle People. *Coloni, et inferioris Ordines Homines*, 'farmers and men of the lower order.'

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Peasant, and Base Swaine,⁴⁴ driuen out of Heart,⁴⁵ and in effect but the *Gentlemans* Labourer.⁴⁶ Euen as you may see in Coppice Woods; *If you leaue your staddles⁴⁷ too thick, you shall neuer haue cleane⁴⁸ Vnderwood, but Shrubs and Buskes.*⁴⁹ So in Countries, if the *Gentlemen* be too many, the *Commons* will be base;⁵⁰ And you will bring it to that, that not the hundred poll,⁵¹ will be fit for an Helmet: Especially as to the *Infantry*, which is the Nerue⁵² of an Army: And so there will be Great Population, and Little Strength. This, which I speake of, hath been no where better seen, then by comparing of *England* and *France*; whereof *England*, though farre lesse in Territory and Population, hath been (neuerthelesse) an Ouermatch;⁵³ In regard, the *Middle People*⁵⁴ of *England*, make good Souldiers, which the *Peasants* of *France* doe not. And herein, the deuice of King *Henry* the Seuenth, (whereof I haue spoken largely in the *History of his Life*) was Profound,⁵⁵ and Admirable; In making *Farmes*,⁵⁶ and houses of Husbandry, of a Standard; That is, maintained with such a Proportion of Land vnto them, as may breed a Subiect, to liue in Conuenient Plenty, and no Seruile Condition;⁵⁷ And to keepe the Plough in the Hands of the Owners, and not meere Hirelings.⁵⁸ And thus indeed, you shall attaine to *Virgils* Character, which he giues to Ancient *Italy*.

—*Terra potens Armis atque vberè Glebæ.*^a

Neither is that State (which for any thing I know, is

^a A land powerful in arms and fruitful of soil. *Æneid.* i. 531.

⁵⁵ Profound. *Profunda prudentia excogitatum*, 'devised with profound wisdom.'

⁵⁶ *Farmes.* *Prædia minora*, 'smaller farms.'

⁵⁷ Standard. . . . Seruile Condition. *Quæ habeant certum, eumque Medioerem Agri Medium annexum, qui distrahi non possit; Eo fine, ut ad Victum liberaliorem sufficiat*, 'which should have a certain and moderate amount of land annexed to them, which might not be divided, that it might suffice for liberal living.'

⁵⁸ And to keepe . . . Hirelings. *Utque Agricultura ab iis exerceretur, qui Domini fuerint Fundi, aut saltem Usu-fructuarii, non Conductitii, aut Mercenarii*, 'so that husbandry might be exercised by the owners, or at least holders of the farm, and not by hired or paid men.'

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but how? maintained in plentie and in the hand of owners, and not of meere laborers.

[*The germ of the entire paragraph on the opposite page, —from By all meanes down to published, appeareth. on p. 481—will be found on p. 492.*]

⁵⁹ Free Seruants . . . Noblemen and Gentlemen. *Famuli scilicet Nobiliūm*, 'I mean the servants of noblemen.'

⁶⁰ Armes. *Peditatum*, 'infantry.'

⁶¹ After Hospitality. *Atque Famulitia*, 'and household servants.'

⁶² Close. *Obscura, et magis privata*, 'obscure and more private.'

⁶³ Liberall of. *Facile et libenter largiuntur*, 'easily and freely bestow.'

⁶⁴ Empire. *Imperii Magnitudinem*, 'greatness of empire.'

⁶⁵ Embrace. *Imperii Jugo cohibere and frænare*, 'hold and govern by the yoke of empire.'

⁶⁶ It will faile suddainly. *Diuturnitatem hæc res non assequitur*, 'this will not have long duration.'

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almost peculiar to *England*, and hardly to be found any where else, except it be perhaps in *Poland*) to be passed ouer; I meane the State of *Free Seruants* and *Attendants* vpon *Noblemen* and *Gentlemen*; ⁵⁹ which are no waies inferiour, vnto the *Yeomanry*, for Armes.⁶⁰ And therefore, out of all Question, the Splendour, and Magnificence, and great Retinues, and Hospitality⁶¹ of *Noblemen*, and *Gentlemen*, receiued into Custome, doth much conduce, vnto *Martiall Greatnesse*. Whereas, contrariwise, the Close⁶² and Referued liuing, of *Noblemen*, and *Gentlemen*, causeth a Penury of *Military Forces*.

By all meanes, it is to be procured, that the *Trunck* of *Nebuchadnezzars Tree of Monarchy*, be great enough, to beare the Branches, and the Boughes; That is, That the *Naturall Subiects* of the Crowne or State, beare a sufficient Proportion, to the *Stranger Subiects*, that they gouerne. Therfore all States, that are liberall of⁶³ Naturalization towards Strangers, are fit for *Empire*.⁶⁴ For to thinke, that an Handfull of People, can, with the greatest Courage, and Policy in the World, embrace⁶⁵ too large Extent of Dominion, it may hold for a time, but it will faile suddainly.⁶⁶ The *Spartans* were a nice⁶⁷ People, in Point of Naturalization;⁶⁸ whereby, while they kept their Compasse,⁶⁹ they stood firme;⁷⁰ But when they did spread, and their Boughs were becommen too great, for their Stem, they became a Windfall vpon the suddaine.⁷¹ Neuer

⁶⁷ Nice. *Parci and difficiles*, 'sparing and difficult.'

⁶⁸ Naturalization. *In cooptandis novis Civibus*, 'in receiving new citizens.'

⁶⁹ Compasse. *Intra parvos Limites dominati sunt*, 'ruled within small boundaries.'

⁷⁰ Firme. *Res eorum firmæ fuerunt, et stabiles*, 'their affairs were firm and stable.'

⁷¹ But when they did spread . . . suddaine. *At postquam Limites suos cepissent proferre, et latius dominari, quam ut Stirps Spartanorum, Turbam Exterorum, Imperio commode coercere posset, Potentia eorum corruit*, 'but when they began to extend their bounds, and to rule so widely, that the Spartan race could not easily govern the crowd of foreigners, their power fell to pieces.'

[*The germ of the passage on the opposite page will be found at p. 492.*]

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⁷² Romans. *Respublica Romana*, 'the Roman Republic.'

⁷³ It sorted with them accordingly. *Par erat, Instituto tam prudenti, Fortuna*, 'their fortune sorted with this wise ordinance.'

⁷⁴ Greatest. *Toto Orbe amplissimum*, 'greatest in the whole world.'

⁷⁵ Honorum. *Petitionis sive Honorum*, 'right of holding office.'

⁷⁶ Nations. *Integris Nationibus*, 'entire nations.'

⁷⁷ Greatnesse. *Proferendi imperii*, 'extending empire.'

⁷⁸ Dominions. *Regna et Provincias*, 'kingdoms and provinces.'

⁷⁹ Whole Compasse of Spaine. *Hispaniæ ipsæ*, 'Spain itself.'

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any State was, in this Point, so open to receiue *Strangers*, into their Body, as were the *Romans*.⁷² Therefore it sortd with them accordingly;⁷³ For they grew to the greatest⁷⁴ *Monarchy*. Their manner was, to grant Naturalization, (which they called *Ius Ciuitatis*) and to grant it in the highest Degree; That is, Not onely *Ius Commercij*, *Ius Connubij*, *Ius Hæreditatis*; But also, *Ius Suffragij*, and *Ius Honorum*.⁷⁵ And this, not to Singular Persons alone, but likewise to whole Families; yea to Cities, and sometimes to Nations.⁷⁶ Adde to this, their Custome of *Plantation* of *Colonies*; whereby the Roman Plant, was remoued into the Soile, of other Nations. And putting both Constitutions together, you will say, that it was not the *Romans* that spred vpon the *World*; But it was the *World*, that spred vpon the *Romans*: And that was the sure Way of *Greatnesse*.⁷⁷ I haue marueiled sometimes at *Spaine*, how they claspe and containe so large Dominions,⁷⁸ with so few Naturall *Spaniards*: But sure, the whole Compasse of *Spaine*,⁷⁹ is a very Great Body of a Tree; Farre aboue⁸⁰ *Rome*, *Sparta*, at the first. And besides, though they haue not had that vsage, to Naturalize liberally; yet they haue that, which is next to it; That is, *To employ, almost indifferently, all Nations, in their Militia of ordinary Soldiers*: yea, and sometimes in their *Highest Commands*.⁸¹ Nay, it seemeth at this instant, they are sensible of this want of Natiues;⁸² as by the *Pragmaticall Sanction*, now⁸³ published, appeareth.

It is certaine, that *Sedentary*, and *Within-doore*⁸⁴

⁷² Far aboue. *Cum longe ampliorem contineant Regionum Tractum quam*, 'as it contains a much larger extent of countries, than.'

⁷³ And . . . commands. *Quinetiam, summum Belli Imperium, haud raro, ad Duces, Natione non Hispanos, deferunt*, 'nay also, they not seldom entrust the chief command of a war to generals not Spaniards by birth.'

⁷⁴ After Natiues. *Eique succurrere cupisse*, 'and desire to remedy it.'

⁷⁵ Now. *Hoc anno*, 'in this year.'

⁷⁶ Within-doore. *Quæ non sub Dio, sed sub Tecto exercentur*, 'which are practised not in the open air, but in a house.'

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Arts, and nice manufactures, that require rather the finger than the hand or arme, haue in their nature a contrariety to a disposition militar[y]: and generally, all warlike people are a little idle, and loue danger better then pain: neither muſt they be too much broken of it, if they ſhall be preferued in vigor.

⁸⁵ Arts. *Artes Mechanicas*, 'mechanical arts.'

⁸⁶ Idle. *Ferari gaudent*, 'enjoy being idle.'

⁸⁷ They. *Animos ipsorum*, 'their spirits.'

⁸⁸ Slaues. *Non Ingenuos, sed Servos*, 'not freeborn but slaves.'

⁸⁹ Did rid. *Quorum Laboribus . . . expediebantur*, 'by whose toil were despatched.'

⁹⁰ That. *Mancipiorum usus*, 'the use of slaves.'

⁹¹ By the Christian Law. *Post legem Christianam receptam*, 'since the Christian law has been received.'

⁹² For that purpose. *Propterea alliciendi, aut*, 'for that purpose to be invited, or.'

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Arts,⁸⁵ and delicate Manufactures (that require rather the Finger, then the Arme) haue, in their Nature, a Contrariety, to a Military disposition. And generally, all Warlike People, are a little idle ;⁸⁶ And loue Danger better then Trauaile ; Neither must they be too much broken of it, if they⁸⁷ shall be preferued in vigour. Therefore, it was great Aduantage, in the Ancient States of *Sparta*, *Athens*, *Rome*, and others, that they had the vse of *Slaues*,⁸⁸ which commonly did rid⁸⁹ those Manufactures. But that⁹⁰ is abolished, in greatest part, by the *Christian Law*.⁹¹ That which commeth nearest to it, is, to leaue those Arts chiefly to Strangers, (which for that purpose⁹² are the more easily to be receiued) and to containe, the principall Bulke⁹³ of the vulgar Natiues, within those three kinds, *Tillers* of the Ground ; *Free Seruants* ; and *Handy-Crafts-Men*, of Strong, and Manly Arts,⁹⁴ as Smiths, Mafons, Carpenters, &c ; Not reckoning Professed Souldiers.

But aboue all, for *Empire* and *Greatnesse*,⁹⁵ it importeth most ; That a Nation doe professe Armes, as their principall Honour, Study, and Occupation.⁹⁶ For the Things, which we formerly haue spoken of, are but *Habilitations* towards Armes : And what is *Habilitation* without *Intention* and *Act* ? *Romulus*, after his death (as they report, or faigne) sent a Present to the *Romans* ; That, aboue all, they should intend Armes ; And then, they should proue the greatest *Empire*⁹⁷ of the World. The Fabrick⁹⁸ of the State

⁸⁵ Principall Bulke. *Plebs*, 'commonalty.'

⁸⁴ Manly Arts. *Quorum Opera Robur et Lacertos viriles postulant*, 'whose work demands strength and manly arms.'

⁹⁵ Empire and Greatnesse. *Imperii Magnitudinem*, 'greatness of Empire.'

⁹⁶ Study and Occupation. *Institutum Vitæ primarium, et in præcipuo Honore habitum*, 'their principal mode of life and held in the highest honour.'

⁹⁷ Greatest Empire. *In Caput Orbis Terrarum Urbs eorum insurgeret*, 'their city should rise to the head of the world.'

⁹⁸ Fabrick. *Fabrica universa*, 'the whole fabric.'

⁹⁹ *After End. Ut Cives sui Belligeratores essent,* 'that their citizens should be warriors.'

¹⁰⁰ *Flesh. Idem erat Institutum, sed non tam constans aut diuturnum,* 'had the same custom, but not so constantly nor so long.'

¹⁰¹ *Turks. Lege sua paululum extimulati,* 'urged on a little by their law.'

¹⁰² *Haue it. Illud adhuc retinet at profitetur,* 'still retain and profess it.'

¹⁰³ *Plaine. Liquida, et manifesta,* 'clear and plain.'

¹⁰⁴ *Intendeth. In quo plurimum impendit Studii,* 'in the study which he most considers.'

¹⁰⁵ *It needeth not to be Stood vpon. Verbis non indigeat,* 'does not need words.'

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of *Sparta*, was wholly (though not wifely) framed, and composed, to that Scope and End.⁹⁹ The *Persians* and *Macedonians*, had it for a flash.¹⁰⁰ The *Galls*, *Germans*, *Goths*, *Saxons*, *Normans*, and others, had it for a Time. The *Turks*¹⁰¹ haue it, at this day, though in great Declination. Of Christian *Europe*, they that haue it,¹⁰² are, in effect, onely the *Spaniards*. But it is so plaine,¹⁰³ That euery Man profiteth in that hee most intendeth,¹⁰⁴ that it needeth not to be flood vpon.¹⁰⁵ it is enough to point at it; That no Nation, which doth not directly professe Armes,¹⁰⁶ may looke to haue *Greatnesse* fall into their Mouths.¹⁰⁷ And, on the other side, it is a most Certaine Oracle of Time; That those States, that continue long in that Profession¹⁰⁸ (as the *Romans* and *Turks* principally haue done) do wonders.¹⁰⁹ And those, that haue professed Armes¹¹⁰ but for an Age, haue notwithstanding, commonly, attained that *Greatnesse* in that Age, which maintained them long after, when their Profession and Exercise¹¹¹ of Armes hath growen to decay.

Incident to this Point is; For a State, to haue those Lawes or Customes, which may reach forth vnto them, iust Occasions (as may be pretended) of Warre. For there is that Iustice¹¹² imprinted, in the Nature of Men, that they enter not vpon Wars (whereof so many Calamities doe ensue) but vpon some, at the least Specious,¹¹³ Grounds and Quarells. The *Turke*, hath

¹⁰⁶ Armes. *Arma et Militiam, iisque præcipue studeat et incumbat*, 'arms and warfare, and principally studies and pays attention thereto.'

¹⁰⁷ Greatnesse fall into their Mouths. *Insignem aliquam Imperii Magnitudinem*, 'any remarkable greatness of empire.'

¹⁰⁸ Profession. *Professione et studiis*, 'profession and study.'

¹⁰⁹ Wonders. *Miros in Imperio amplificando facere Progressus*, 'make wonderful progress in increasing their empire.'

¹¹⁰ Professed Armes. *Bellica Gloria florueret*, 'flourished by warlike glory.'

¹¹¹ Profession and Exercise. *Disciplina*, 'training.'

¹¹² Iustice. *Iustitiæ Apprehensio*, 'understanding of justice.'

¹¹³ At the least Specious. *Gravem ob Causam, saltem speciosam*, 'for a serious ground or at least a specious one.'

No body can be healthfull without exercise, neither naturall body, nor politike; and to the politike body of a Kingdome or estate,

a ciuill warre is as the heate of a feuer; but an honourable forraine warre is like

¹¹⁴ Sit. *Torpeat, aut tardet*, 'be sluggish or slow.'

¹¹⁵ Aids. Omitted in the Latin.

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at hand, for Cause of Warre, the Propagation of his Law or Sect; A Quarell that he may alwaies Command. The *Romans*, though they esteemed, the Extending the Limits of their Empire, to be Great Honour to their Generalls, when it was done, yet they neuer rested vpon that alone, to begin a Warre. First therefore, let Nations, that pretend to *Greatnesse*, haue this; That they be sensible of Wrongs, either vpon Borderers, Merchants, or Politique Ministers; And that they sit¹¹⁴ not too long vpon a Prouocation. Secondly, let them be prest, and ready, to giue Aids¹¹⁵ and Succours, to their Confederates: As it euer was with the *Romans*: In so much, as if the Confederate, had Leagues Defensiuē with diuers other States, and vpon Inuasion offered, did implore their Aides seuerally, yet the *Romans* would euer bee the formost, and leaue it to none Other to haue the Honour. As for the Warres, which were anciently made, on the behalfe, of a kinde of Partie, or tacite Conformite of Estate, I doe not see how they may be well iustified: As when the *Romans* made a Warre for the Libertie of *Grecia*: Or when the *Lacedemonians*, and *Athenians*, made Warres, to set vp or pull downe *Democracies*, and *Oligarchies*: Or when Warres were made by Forrainers,¹¹⁶ vnder the pretence of Iustice,¹¹⁷ or Protection, to deliuer the Subiects of others, from Tyrannie, and Oppression; And the like.¹¹⁸ Let it suffice, That no Estate expect to be *Great*, that is not awake, vpon any iust Occasion of Arming.

No Body can be healthfull without *Exercise*, neither Naturall Body, nor Politique: And certainly, to a Kingdome or Estate, a Iust and Honourable Warre, is the true *Exercise*. A Ciuill Warre, indeed, is like the Heat of a Feauer; But a Forraine Warre, is like

¹¹⁶ Forrainers. *Rebus publicis aut Principibus*, 'states or princes.'

¹¹⁷ Iustice. Omitted in the Latin.

¹¹⁸ Oppression; And the like. Omitted in the Latin.

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the heate of exercife. At leaft, difcoueries, nauigations, honourable fuccours of other States may keepe health: For in a flothfull peace, both courages will effeminate, and maners corrupt.

¹¹⁹ Slothfull. *Deside atque torpente*, 'Slothful and torpid.'

¹²⁰ Tired out. *Delassasset, et attrivisset*, 'tired and worn out.'

¹²¹ See. *Ex multis Exemplis patet*, 'is clear from many examples.'

¹²² Arrested the greatnesse of the Turke. *Circulum in Naribus Turca possuit*, 'put a ring in the nose of the Turk.'

¹²³ Princes or States. Omitted in the Latin.

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the Heat of *Exercise*,

and ferueth to keepe the Body in Health: For in a Slothfull¹¹⁹ Peace, both Courages will effeminate, and Manners Corrupt. But howsoever it be for Happineffe, without all Question, for *Greatneffe*, it maketh, to bee still, for the most Part, in Armes: And the Strength of a Veteran Armie, (though it be a chargeable Businesse) alwaies on Foot, is that, which commonly giueth the Law; Or at least the Reputation amongst all Neighbour States; As may well bee seene in *Spaine*; which hath had, in one Part or other, a Veteran Armie, almost continually, now by the space of Six-score yeeres.

To be Master of the *Sea*, is an Abridgement of a Monarchy. *Cicero* writing to *Atticus*, of *Pompey* his Preparation against *Cæsar*, saith; *Consilium Pompeij planè Themistocleum est; Putat enim, qui Mari potitur, eum Rerum potiri.*^a And, without doubt, *Pompey* had tired out¹²⁰ *Cæsar*, if vpon vaine Confidence, he had not left that Way. We see¹²¹ the great Effects of Battailes by *Sea*. The Battaile of *Actium* decided the Empire of the World. The Battaile of *Lepanto* arrested the Greatnesse of the *Turke*.¹²² There be many Examples, where *Sea-Fights* haue beene Finall to the warre; But this is, when Princes or States,¹²³ haue set vp their Rest, vpon the Battailes¹²⁴ But thus much is certaine; That hee that Commands the *Sea*, is at great liberty, and may take as much, and as little of the Warre, as he will. Whereas those, that be strongest by land, are many times neuerthelesse in great Straights. Surely, at this Day, with vs of *Europe*, the Vantage of Strength at *Sea* (which is one

^a The counsel of Pompey is evidently that of Themistocles: for he thinks that he who is master of the sea will rule all things. Cicero. *Ad Atticum*. x. 8.

¹²⁴ Set vp their Rest, vpon the Battailes. *Alex hujusmodi Præliorum, totius Belli Fortuna commissa est*, 'the whole fortune of war is set upon battles of this kind.'

¹²⁵ Great. *Summi, ad Rerum Fastigia, momenti*, 'of great importance for attaining the highest place.'

¹²⁶ Wealth. *Thesauri et Opes*, 'treasures and wealth.'

¹²⁷ Martiall Encouragement. *Ad Animos faciendos*, 'to give courage.'

¹²⁸ Some Degrees, and Orders of Chivalry. *Ordines quosdam Honorificos Militiæ*, 'some honourable orders of knighthood.'

¹²⁹ Conferred promiscuously. *Communes*, 'common to.'

¹³⁰ Soldiers, and no Soldiers. *Armis et Togæ*, 'arms and the gown.'

¹³¹ Maimed. *Emeritis et Mutilatis*, 'worn out and maimed.'

¹³² Monuments. *Monumenta magnifica*, 'magnificent monuments.'

¹³³ Crowns and Garlands Personal. *Corona Civica, Militares, singulis concessæ*, 'civic crowns; military crowns conferred on individuals.'

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of the Principall Dowries of this Kingdome of *Great Brittain*) is Great:¹²⁵ Both because, Most of the Kingdomes of *Europe*, are not meerely Inland, but girt with the *Sea*, most part of their Compasse; And because, the Wealth¹²⁶ of both *Indies*, seemes in great Part, but an Accessary, to the Command of the *Seas*.

The *Warres* of *Latter Ages*, seeme to be made in the Darke, in Respect of the Glory and Honour, which reflected vpon Men, from the *Warres* in *Ancient Time*. There be now, for Martiall Encouragement,¹²⁷ some Degrees and Orders of Chivalry;¹²⁸ which neuerthelesse, are conferred promiscuously,¹²⁹ vpon Soldiers, and no Soldiers;¹³⁰ And some Remembrance perhaps vpon the Scutchion; And some Hospitals for Maimed¹³¹ Soldiers; And such like Things. But in Ancient Times; The *Trophies* erected vpon the Place of the Victory; The Funerall Laudatiues and Monuments¹³² for those that died in the Wars; The Crowns and Garlands Personall;¹³³ The Stile of Emperour, which the Great Kings of the World after borrowed;¹³⁴ The Triumphes¹³⁵ of the Generalls vpon their Returne;¹³⁶ The great Donatiues and Largeffes vpon the Disbanding of the Armies; were Things able to enflame all Mens Courages.¹³⁷ But aboue all, That of the Triumph, amongst the *Romans*, was not Pageants or Gauderie, but one of the Wisest and Noblest Institutions, that euer was. For it contained three Things; Honour¹³⁸ to the Generall; Riches to the Treasury out of the Spoiles;

¹²⁴ After Borrowed. *A Belli Ducibus*, 'from commanders in war.'

¹²⁵ Triumphes. *Celebres Triumphi*, 'crowded triumphs.'

¹²⁶ Of Generalls vpon their Returne. *Redeuntium Ducum, Bellis prospere confectis*, 'of generals returning after successfully finishing a war.'

¹²⁷ Enflame all Mens Courages. *Hæc (inquam) tot et tanta fuerunt, et tam insigni splendore coruscantia, ut Pectoribus Mortalium etiam maxime congelacialis, Igniculos subdere, eaque ad Bellum inflammare potuerint*. 'these, I say, were so many and so great, and shone with so much splendour, that they could set fire to the minds of mortals, however frozen, and inflame them to war.'

¹²⁸ Honour. *Decus et gloriam*, 'honour and glory.'

States liberall of naturalization, are capable of greatnesse; and the iealous states that rest vpon the first tribe and stirpe, quickly want body to carrie the boughes and branches.

Many are the ingredients into the receipt for greatnesse. No man can by care taking adde a cubit to his stature, in the little modell of a mans body. But certainly in the great frame of Kingdomes and Commonwealths, it is in the power of Princes or Estates by ordinances and constitutions, and manners which they may introduce, to fowe greatnesse to their posteritie and succeffion. But these things are commonly left to chance.

¹⁵⁹ Actual Triumphs. *Honorem ipsius Triumphi*, 'the honour of an actual triumph.'

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And Donatiues to the Army. But that Honour, perhaps, were not fit for *Monarchies*; Except it be in the Person of the *Monarch* himfelfe, or his Sonnes; As it came to paffe, in the Times of the *Roman Emperours*, who did impropriate the Actuell Triumphs¹³⁹ to Themfelves, and their Sonnes, for fuch Wars, as they did atchieue in Person: And left onely, for Wars atchieued by Subiects, fome Triumphall Garments, and Ensignes, to the Generall.

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To conclude; No Man can, by *Care taking* (as the *Scripture* faith) *adde a Cubite to his Stature*; in this little Modell of a *Mans Body*: But in the Great Frame of *Kingdomes*, and *Common Wealths*, it is in the Power of Princes, or Estates, to adde Amplitude and *Greatnesse* to their *Kingdomes*. For by introducing fuch Ordinances, Constitutions, and Customes, as we haue now touched, they may fow *Greatnesse*, to their Posteritie, and Succession. But these Things are commonly not Obserued,¹⁴⁰ but left to take their Chance.

¹⁴⁰ *After* Obserued. *Apud Principes*, 'by princes.'





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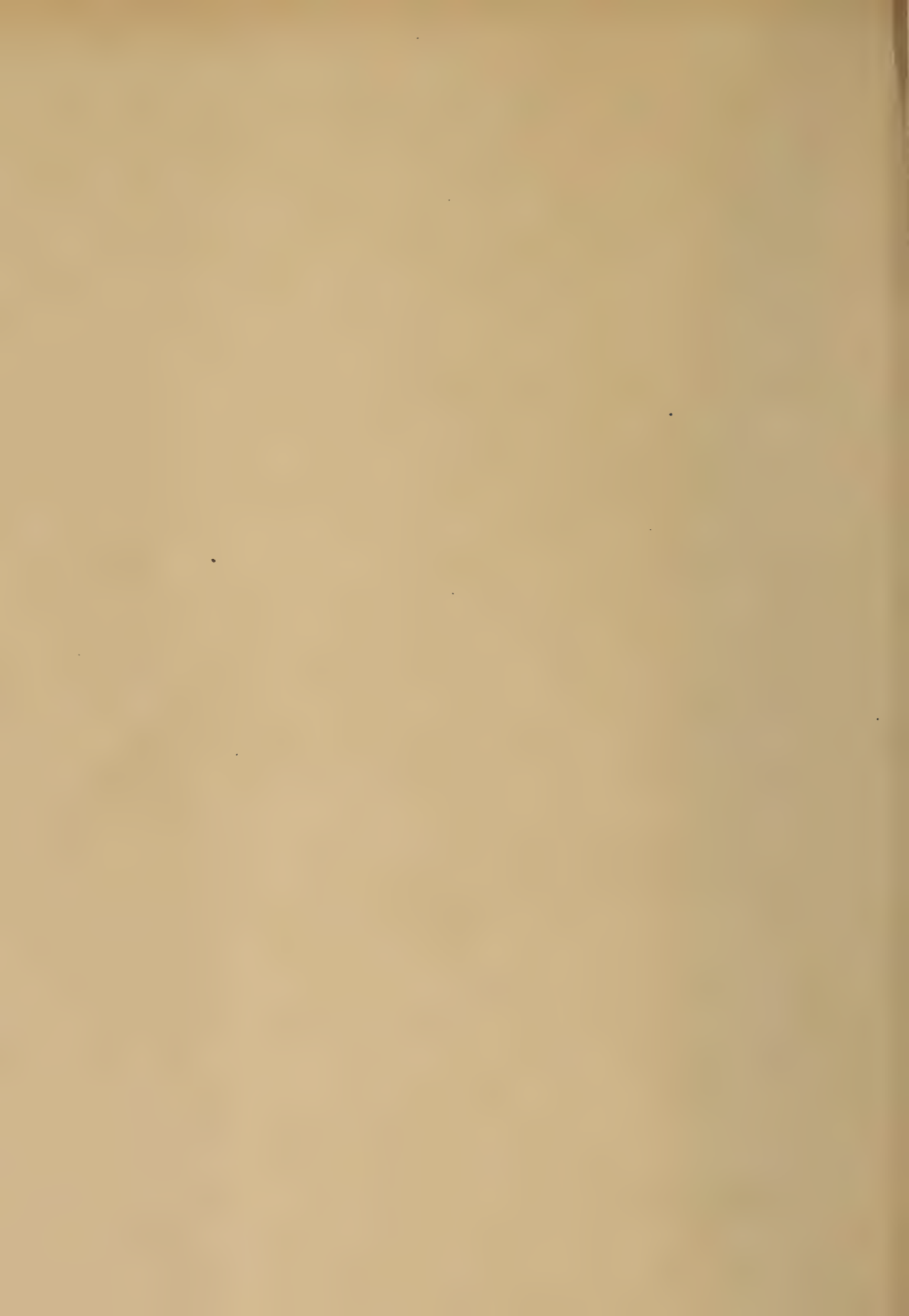
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TO

THE RIGHT HONORABLE
MY VERY GOOD LO. THE DVKE
of *Buckingham* his *Grace*, Lo.
High *Admirall* of *England*.

EXCELLENT LO.



ALOMON saies; *A good Name is as a precious oyntment*; And I assure my selfe, such wil your *Graces* Name bee, with Posteritie. For your Fortune, and Merit both, haue beene Eminent. And you haue planted Things, that are like to last. I doe now publish my *Effayes*; which, of all my other workes, haue beene most Currant: For that, as it seemes, they come home, to Mens Businesse, and Bosomes. I haue enlarged them, both in Number, and Weight; So that they are indeed a New Worke. I thought it therefore agreeable, to my Affection, and Obligation to your Grace, to prefix your Name before them, both in English, and in Latine. For I doe conceiue, that the Latine Volume of them, (being in the Vniuersall Language) may last, as long as Bookes last. My *Institution*, I dedicated to the *King*: My *Historie* of HENRY the *Seuenth*, (which I haue now also translated into Latine) and my *Portions* of *Naturall History*, to the *Prince*: And these I dedicate to your *Grace*; Being of the best Fruits, that by the good Encrease, which God giues to my Pen and Labours, I could yeeld. God leade your *Grace* by the Hand.

Your Graces most Obliged and faithfull Seruant,

FR. St. ALBAN.

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1. Of Truth.



WHAT *is Truth*; said jesting *Pilate*;^a And would not stay for an Answer. Certainly there be, that delight in *Giddinesse*; And count it a Bondage, to fix¹ a Beleeve; Affecting Freewill in Thinking, as well as in Acting. And though the Sects of Philosophers of that Kinde be gone, yet there remaine certaine discoursing² Wits, which are of the same veines, though there be not so much Bloud in them, as was in those of the Ancients. But it is not onely the Difficultie, and Labour, which Men take in finding out of *Truth*; Nor againe, that when it is found, it imposeth³ vpon mens Thoughts; that doth bring *Lies* in fauour: But a naturall, though corrupt Loue, of the *Lie* it selfe. One of the later Schoole of the Grecians, examineth the matter, and is at a stand, to thinke what should be in it, that men should loue *Lies*; Where neither they make for Pleasure, as with Poets; Nor for Aduantage, as with the Merchant; but for the *Lies* sake. But I cannot tell: This same *Truth*, is a Naked, and Open day light, that doth not shew, the Masques, and Mummeries, and Triumphs⁴ of the world, halfe so Stately, and daintily, as Candlelights.⁵ *Truth* may perhaps come to the price of a Pearle, that sheweth best by day: But it will not rise, to the price of a Diamond, or Carbuncle, that sheweth best in varied lights. A mixture of a *Lie* doth euer adde Pleasure. Doth

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Simplicity

object of truth: not
solely, but

^a John xviii. 38.

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¹ Fix. *Fide fixa aut Axiomatibus Constantibus, constringi*, 'to be restrained by a fixed faith or constant axioms.'² Discoursing. *Ventosa et Discursantia*, 'windy and discoursing.'³ Imposeth. *Quæ imponitur Captivitas*, 'the captivity that it imposeth.'⁴ Triumphs. Omitted in the Latin.⁵ Candlelights. *Tædæ, Lucernæque Nocturnæ*, 'torches and nocturnal lamps.'

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any man doubt, that if there were taken out of Mens Mindes, Vaine Opinions, Flattering Hopes, False valuations, Imaginations as one would, and the like ; but it would leaue the Mindes, of a Number of Men, poore shrunken Things ; full of Melancholy, and Indisposition, and vnpleasing to themselues ? One of the Fathers, in great Seuerity, called Poesie, *Vinum Dæmonum* ;^a because it filleth the Imagination, and yet it is, but with the shadow of a *Lie*. But it is not the *Lie*, that passeth through the Minde, but the *Lie* that sinketh in,⁶ and setleth in it, that doth the hurt, such as we spake of before. But howsoever these things are thus, in mens depraued Iudgements, and Affections, yet *Truth*, which onely doth iudge it selfe, teacheth, that the Inquire of *Truth*, which is the Loue-making, or Wooing of it ; The knowledge of *Truth*, which is the Presence of it ; and the Beleefe⁷ of *Truth*, which is the Enioying⁸ of it ; is the Soueraigne Good of humane Nature. The first Creature of God, in the workes of the Dayes, was the Light of the Sense ; The last, was the Light of Reason ; And his Sabbath Worke, euer since, is the Illumination of his Spirit. First he breathed Light, vpon the Face, of the Matter or Chaos ; Then he breathed Light, into the Face of Man ; and still he breatheth and inspireth Light, into the Face of his Chosen. The Poet, that beautified the Sect, that was otherwise inferiour to the rest, faith yet excellently well :
⁹*It is a pleasure to stand vpon the shore, and to see ships tost vpon the Sea : A pleasure to stand in the window of a Castle, and to see a Battaile, and the Aduentures thereof, below : But no pleasure is comparable, to the standing, vpon the vantage ground of Truth : (A hill not to be*

^a It is not certain to whom Bacon alludes ; probably either Jerome, *Letters to Damasus*, 146 ; or Augustine, *Confessio*, i. 16.—See Mr. W. A. Wright's note at length at p. 289 of his edition.

⁶ Sinketh in. *Quod a Mente imbibitur*, 'which is drunk in by the mind.'

⁷ Beleefe. *Veritatis Receptionem cum Assensu*, 'the receiving of truth with

⁸ Enioying. *Fruitio et Amplexus*, 'enjoying and embrace of it.' [assent.]

⁹ *Suave est*, &c. This is given merely in paraphrase, not as a literal quotation from Lucretius, *De rerum Natura*, ii. 1.

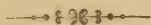
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commanded, and where the Ayre is alwaies cleare and serene;) *And to see the Errours, and Wandrings, and Mists, and Tempests, in the vale below:* So alwaies, that this prospect, be with Pitty, and not with Swelling, or Pride. Certainly, it is Heauen vpon Earth, to haue a Mans Minde Moue in Charitie, Rest in Prouidence, and Turne vpon the Poles of *Truth*.

To passe from Theologicall, and Philosophicall *Truth*,⁷ to the *Truth*¹⁰ of ciuill Businesse; It will be acknowledged, euen by those, that practize it not, that cleare and Round¹¹ dealing, is the Honour¹² of Mans Nature; And that Mixture of Falshood, is like Allay¹³ in Coyne of Gold and Siluer;¹⁴ which may make the Metall worke the better, but it embaseth it. For these winding, and crooked courses, are the Goings of the Serpent; which goeth basely¹⁵ vpon the belly, and not vpon the Feet. There is no Vice, that doth so couer a Man with Shame, as to be found false, and perfidious. And therefore *Mountaigny* faith prettily,¹⁶ when he enquired the reason, why the word of the *Lie*, should be such a Disgrace, and such an Odious Charge? Saith he, *If it be well weighed, To say that a man lieth, is as much to say, as that he is braue towards God, and a Coward towards men.*^a For a *Lie* faces God, and shrinkes from Man. Surely the Wickednesse of Falshood, and Breach of Faith, cannot possibly be so highly expressed, as in that it shall be the last Peale, to call the Iudgements of God, vpon the Generations of Men, It being foretold that when Christ commeth, *He shall not finde Faith vpon the Earth.*^b



^a Montaigne, *Essays*. ii. 18 p.

^b Luke xviii. 8.

¹⁰ Truth (of ciuill business). *Veritatem, aut potius Veracitatem*, 'truth, or rather truthfulness.'

¹¹ Round. *Minime fucata*, 'not painted 'counterfeit.'

¹² Honour. *Præcipuum Decus*, 'chief honour.'

¹³ Allay. *Plumbæ Materie*, 'leadene matter.'

¹⁴ Coyne of Gold and Siluer. Omitted in the Latin.

¹⁵ Basely. Omitted in the Latin.

¹⁶ Prettily. *Acutissime*, 'most acutely.'

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4. Of Reuenge.



Reuenge is a kinde of Wilde Iustice; which the more Mans Nature runs to, the more ought Law¹ to weed it out. For as for the first Wrong, it doth but offend the Law; but the *Reuenge* of that wrong, putteth the Law out of Office.² Certainly, in taking *Reuenge*, A Man is but euen with his Enemy; But in passing it ouer, he is Superiour: For it is a Princes part to Pardon. And *Salomon*, I am sure, saith, *It is the glory of a Man to passe by an offence.*³ That which is past, is gone, and Irreucable;³ And wise Men haue Enough to doe, with things present, and to come: Therefore, they doe but trifle with themselues,⁴ that labour in past matters. There is no man, doth a wrong, for the wrongs sake; But therby to purchase himselfe, Profit, or Pleasure, or Honour, or the like.⁵ Therefore why should I be angry with a Man, for louing himselfe better then mee? And if any Man should doe wrong, meerely out of ill nature, why? yet it is but like the Thorn, or Bryar, which prick, and scratch, because they can doe no other.⁶ The most Tolerable Sort of *Reuenge*, is for those wrongs which there is no Law to remedy: But then, let a man take heed, the *Reuenge* be such, as there is no law to

^a Prov. xix. 11.

Ed. Variations in posthumous Latin Edition of 1638.

¹ Law. *Legibus severis*, 'severe laws.'² Putteth out of Office. *Auctoritate sua plane spoliatur*, 'clearly strips it of its authority.'³ Gone and Irreucable. *In integrum restitui non potest*, 'cannot be restored entirely.'⁴ Therefore, they doe . . . with themselues. *Nugantur igitur, et se frustra conturbant*. 'they trifle therefore, and disturb themselves to no purpose.'⁵ Or the like. Omitted in the Latin.⁶ Because they can do no other. *Quia natura sua utuntur*, 'because they act according to their nature.'

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punish : Else, a Mans Enemy, is still before hand, And it is two for one.⁷ Some, when they take *Reuenge*, are Desirous the party should know, whence it commeth : This⁸ is the more Generous. For the Delight seemeth to be, not so much in doing the Hurt, as in Making the Party repent : But Base and Crafty Cowards, are like the Arrow, that flyeth in the Darke. *Cosmus* Duke of *Florence*, had a Desperate Saying,⁹ against Perfidious or Neglecting Friends, as if those wrongs were vnpardonable :¹⁰ *You shall reade* (saith he) *that we are commanded to forgiue our Enemies ; But you neuer read, that wee are commanded, to forgiue our Friends.* But yet the Spirit of *Iob*, was in a better tune ;¹¹ *Shall wee* (saith he) *take good at Gods Hands, and not be content to take euill also?*^a And so of Friends in a proportion. This is certaine ; That a Man that studieth *Reuenge*, keepes his owne Wounds greene,¹² which otherwise would heale, and doe well. Publique *Reuenges*, are, for the most part, Fortunate ; As that for the Death of *Cæsar* ; For the Death of *Pertinax* ; for the Death of *Henry* the Third¹³ of France ; And many more. But in priuate *Reuenges* it is not so. Nay rather, Vindicatiue Persons liue the Life of Witches ; who as they are Mischieuous, So end¹⁴ they Infortunate.



^a Job ii. 10.

⁷ Two for one. *Ipse sibi Penam con duplicat*, 'he doubles the punishment for himself.'

⁸ This. *Iste Affectus*, 'this disposition.'

⁹ Had a Desperate Saying. *Acutissimum telum vibravit*, 'brandished a very sharp weapon.'

¹⁰ As if those wrongs were vnpardonable. Omitted in Latin.

¹¹ Was in a better tune. *Loquitur meliora*, 'says what is better.'


¹² Keep green. *Refricare*, 'rub open again.'

¹³ Henry the Third. *Quarti*, 'fourth.'

¹⁴ After End. *Plerunque*, 'generally.'

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5. Of Adversitie.

T was an high speech¹ of *Seneca*, (after the manner of the Stoickes) *That the good things, which belong to Prosperity, are to be wished; but the good things, that belong to Adversity, are to be admired. Bona Rerum Secundarum, Optabilia; Aduersarum, Mirabilia.*^a Certainly if Miracles, be the Command ouer Nature, they appeare most in Adversity. It is yet a higher speech of his, then the other, (much too high for a Heathen) *It is true greatnesse, to haue in one, the Frailty of a Man, and the Security of a God. Verè magnum, habere Fragilitatem Hominis, Securitatem Dei.*^b This would haue done better in Poesy; where Transcendences are more allowed. And the Poets indeed, haue beene busy with it;² For it is, in effect, the thing, which is figured in that Strange Fiction, of the Ancient Poets, which seemeth not to be without mystery; Nay, and to haue some approach, to³ the State of a Christian: That *Hercules, when hee went to vbinde Prometheus*, (by whom Human Nature is represented) *failed the length of the great Ocean, in an Earthen Pot, or Pitcher*: Liuely describing Christian Resolution; that faileth, in the fraile Barke of the Flesh, thorow the Waues⁴ of the World. But to speake in a Meane.⁵ The Vertue of *Prosperitie*, is Temper-

^a *Seneca, Epistles. lxi.*^b *Seneca, Epistles. liii.*

VI. Variations in posthumous Latin Edition of 1633.

¹ High speech. *Grande prorsus sonabat . . . cum diceret*, 'struck a high note . . . when he said.'² Beene busy with it. *Intactum non reliquerunt*, 'have not left this untouched.'³ Approach, to. *Non obscure referre*, 'refers to not obscurely.'⁴ Waves. *Fluctus, undique circumfusos*, 'waves surrounding it on every side.'⁵ Speake in a Meane. *Ut a Granditate verborum, ad Mediocritatem descendamus*, 'to descend from grandeur of words to a mean.'

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ance ; The Vertue of *Aduersity*, is Fortitude : which in Morals is the more Heroicall Vertue. *Prosperity* is the Blessing⁶ of the Old Testament ; *Aduersity* is the Blessing of the New ;⁷ which carrieth the greater Benediction,⁸ and the Clearer Reuelation of Gods Fauour. Yet, euen in the old Testament, if you Listen to *Dauids* Harpe, you shall heare as many Herfelike Ayres, as⁹ Carols : And the Pencill of the holy Ghost, hath laboured more, in describing, the Afflictions of *Iob*, than the Felicities of *Salomon*. *Prosperity* is not without many Feares and Distastes ; And *Aduersity* is not without Comforts and Hopes. Wee see in Needleworkes, and Imbroideries,¹⁰ It is more pleasing, to haue a Liuely Worke, vpon a Sad and Solemne¹¹ Grounde ;¹² then to haue a Darke and Melancholy Worke,¹³ vpon a Lightsome Ground : Iudge therfore, of the Pleasure of the Heart, by the Pleasure of the Eye. Certainly, Vertue is like pretious Odours, most fragrant, when they are incensed, or crushed : For *Prosperity* doth best discouer Vice ; But *Aduersity* doth best discouer Vertue.



⁶ Is the Blessing. *Ad Benedictiones pertinent*, 'belongs to the blessings.'

⁷ Blessings of the New. *Novi beatitudines*, 'beatitudes of the New.'

⁸ Which carrieth the greater Benediction. *Quæ, et reipsa majores sunt*, 'which [the beatitudes] are in themselves greater.'

⁹ As many Herselike ayers, as. *Plures invenias Threnos, quam*, 'you will find more dirges than.'

¹⁰ Imbroideries. Omitted in the Latin.

¹¹ Sad and Solemne. *Coloris magis opaci*, 'of a darker colour.'

¹² Ground. *Stamen tela*, 'the warp of the web.'

¹³ Worke. *Imagines*, 'figures.'

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6. Of Simulation and Dissimulation.



Ifsimulation is but a faint kind¹ of Policy, or Wisdome;² For it asketh a strong Wit, and a strong Heart, to know, when to tell Truth, and to doe it.³ Therefore it is the weaker Sort of Politicks, that are the great Diffemblers.

*Tacitus*⁴ saith; *Livia sorted well, with the Arts of her Husband, and Dissimulation of her Sonne:*^a Attributing *Arts* or *Policy*⁵ to *Augustus*, and *Dissimulation* to *Tiberius*.^a And againe, when *Mucianus* encourageth⁶ *Vespasian*, to take Arms against *Vitellius*, he saith; *We rise not, against the Piercing Iudgment of Augustus, nor the Extreme Caution or Closenesse*⁷ of *Tiberius*.^b These Properties of *Arts* or *Policy*,⁸ and *Dissimulation* or *Closenesse*,⁹ are indeed Habits and Faculties, feuerall,¹⁰ and to be distinguished. For if a Man, haue that Penetration of Iudgment,¹¹ as he can discerne, what Things are to be laid open, and what to be secretted, and what to be shewed at Halfe lights, and to whom,

^a Tacitus. *Annals*. v. i.^b Tacitus. *History*. ii. 76.

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¹ Faint kind. *Compendium quoddam, et Pars infirmior*, 'a kind of shortening and weaker part of.'² Policy or Wisdome. *Artium Civilium*, 'of political arts.'³ Doe it. *Id facere audeat*, 'to dare to do it.'⁴ Tacitus. *Quod Discrimen, bene apud Tacitum, Cæsarem Augustum inter, et Tiberium, adnotatum est. Etenim de Livia sic ait*, 'The difference between Cæsar Augustus, and Tiberius is well marked in Tacitus, for he says thus of Livia.'⁵ Arts or Policy. *Artes imperii*, 'arts of government.'⁶ When Mucianus encourageth. *Mucianum inducit . . . hortantem*, 'he brings in Mucianus, encouraging.'⁷ Extreme Caution or Closenesse. *Cautissimam senectutem*, 'extremely cautious old age.'⁸ Arts or Policy. *Artium Civilium*, 'political arts.'⁹ Dissimulation or Closenesse. *Simulationum*, 'simulation.'¹⁰ Habits and Faculties, seuerall. Omitted in the Latin.¹¹ Penetration of Iudgment. *Fælicis Acuminis, tantæque Perspicaciæ*, 'of such happy sharpness and penetration.'

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and when, (which indeed are Arts of State, and Arts of Life,¹² as *Tacitus*^a well calleth them) to him, A Habit of *Dissimulation*, is a Hinderance, and a Pooreneffe.¹³ But if a Man cannot obtaine to that Iudgment,¹⁴ then it is left to him,¹⁵ generally, to be Clofe, and a *Difsembler*. For where a Man cannot choofe, or vary¹⁶ in Particulars, there it is good to take the fafeft and warieft Way¹⁷ in generall; Like the Going softly by one that cannot well fee. Certainly the ableft Men, that cuer were, haue had all an Openneffe, and Franckneffe of dealing; And a name of Certainty,¹⁸ and Veracity; But then they were like Horfes, well managed; For they could tell paffing well, when to ftop, or turne: And at fuch times, when they thought the Cafe indeed, required *Dissimulation*,¹⁹ if then they vfed it, it came to paffe, that the former Opinion, fprede abroad of their good Faith, and Clearneffe of dealing, made them almoft Inuifible.

There be three degrees, of this Hiding, and Vailing of a Mans Selfe.²⁰ The firft *Clofenefse*, *Refervation*, and *Secrecy*; ²¹ when a Man leaueth himfelfe without Obferuation, or without Hold to be taken, what he is.²² The fecond *Dissimulation*, in the *Negative*; when a man lets fall Signes, and Arguments, that he is not,

^a Mr. W. A. Wright in his edition states, 'It is difficult to say whether Bacon had in his mind the *egregium publicum et bonas domi artes* of Tac. Ann. iii. 70, or the *studia fori et civilium artius decus* of Agr. c. 39.'

¹² Arts of State, and Arts of Life. *Artes Politicæ, et Civiles*.

¹³ Poorenesse. Omitted in the Latin.

¹⁴ That Iudgment. *Hunc Iudicii et Discretionis Gradum*, 'to this degree of judgment and discretion.'

¹⁵ Left to him. *Tanquam tutissimum*, 'as the safest course.'

¹⁶ Or vary. Omitted in the Latin.

¹⁷ Take the safest and warieft Way. *Caute insistere tutissimum est*, 'it is safest to proceed cautiously.'

¹⁸ Name of Certainty. Omitted in the Latin.

¹⁹ Dissimulation. *Dissimulationem Profundam*, 'profound dissimulation.'

²⁰ Mans Selfe. *Consilia et Mentem*, 'plans and mind.'

²¹ Reseration and Secrecy. Omitted in the Latin.

²² When a Man leaueth himfelfe. . . . what he is. *Cum quis sensus Animi sui premit, adeoque relinquit in æquilibrio, ut in quam partem propendeat, nemo facile conjecerit*, 'When a man represses his opinions, and leaves it so evenly balanced that no one can easily guess to which side he is inclined.'

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that he is. And the third *Simulation*, in the Affirmative; when a Man industriously, and expressly,²³ feigns, and pretends to be, that he is not.

For the first of these, *Secrecy*: It is indeed, the Vertue of a Confessor; And assuredly, the *Secret* Man, heareth many Confessions; For who will open himselfe, to a Blab or a Babler? But if a Man be thought *Secret*, it inuitheth Discouerie;²⁴ As the more Close Aire, sucketh in the more Open: And as in Confession, the Reuealing is not for worldly vse, but for the Ease of a Mans Heart, so *Secret* Men come to the Knowledge of Many Things, in that kinde; while Men rather discharge their Mindes, then impart their Mindes. In few words, Mysteries are due to *Secrecy*. Besides (to say Truth) *Nakednesse* is vncomely,²⁵ as well in Minde, as Body; and it addeth no small Reuerence, to Mens Manners, and Actions, if they be not altogether Open. As for Talkers and Futile Persons, they are commonly Vaine, and Credulous withall. For He that talketh, what he knoweth, will also talke, what he knoweth not. Therefore set it downe; *That an Habit of Secrecy, is both Politick, and Morall*. And in this Part,²⁶ it is good, that a Mans Face, giue his Tongue, leaue to Speake. For the Discouery, of a Mans Selfe,²⁷ by the Tracts of his Countenance,²⁸ is a great Weaknesse, and Betraying; By how much, it is many times, more marked and beleeued, then a Mans words.

For the Second, which is *Dissimulation*. It followeth many times vpon *Secrecy*, by a necessity: So that, he

²³ Industriously, and expressly. *Aperte*, 'openly.'

²⁴ Inuitheth Discouerie. *Facile aliorum Animos reserabit*, 'He will easily unlock the minds of others.'

²⁵ Vncomely. *Deformis et inuenusta*, 'shapeless and uncomely.'

²⁶ And in this Part. *Illud addendum est*, 'it must be added.'

²⁷ Mans Selfe. *Animi*, 'mind.'

²⁸ Tracts of his Countenance. *Ex Vultu, aut Gestu*, 'by his countenance or gesture.'

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that will be *Secret*, must be²⁹ a *Dissembler*, in some degree. For Men are too cunning, to suffer a Man, to keepe an indifferent carriage, betweene both, and to be *Secret*,³⁰ without Swaying the Ballance,³¹ on either side. They will so beset a man with Questions,³² and draw him on, and picke it out of him, that without an absurd³³ Silence, he must shew an Inclination,³⁴ one way; Or if he doe not, they will gather as much by his Silence, as by his Speech. As for Equiuocations, or Oraculous Speeches, they cannot hold out long. So that no man can be *secret*, except he giue himselfe a little Scope of *Dissimulation*; which is, as it were, but the Skirts or Traine of *Secrecy*.

But for the third Degree, which is *Simulation*, and false Profession; That I hold more culpable, and lesse politicke; except it be in great and rare Matters.³⁵ And therefore a generall Custome of *Simulation* (which is this last Degree)³⁶ is a Vice, rising either of a naturall Falseneffe, or Fearfulnesse; Or of a Minde, that hath some maine Faults;³⁷ which because a man must needs disguise, it maketh him practise³⁸ *Simulation*, in other things, lest his Hand should be out of vre.³⁹

The great *Aduantages* of *Simulation* and *Dissimulation* are three. First to lay asleepe⁴⁰ Opposition, and to Surprize. For where a Mans Intentions, are published, it is an Alarum, to call vp, all that are against

²⁹ After Must be. *Vel nolens*, 'even if unwilling.'

³⁰ And to be Secret. Omitted in the Latin.

³¹ Swaying the Ballance. *Inclinationis suæ declaratione*, 'any declaration of his inclining.'

³² Questions. *Quæstionibus subtilibus*, 'subtle questions.'

³³ Absurd. *Obfirmato et absurdo*, 'obstinate and absurd.'

³⁴ Shew an Inclination, one way. *Senonnilhil prodere*, 'betray himselfe a little.'

³⁵ Great and rare Matters. *Nisi forte dignus vindice nodus inciderit*, 'Unless perchance a difficulty happens worthy of the deliverer.'

³⁶ (Which is this last Degree) Omitted in the Latin.

³⁷ Minde, . . . maine Faults. *Animi Constitutione, quæ Vitio aliquo magno imbuta est*, 'constitution of mind, which is tainted with some great fault.'

³⁸ Practise. *Adhibere et exercere*, 'apply and practise.'

³⁹ Hand should be out of vre. *Habitus ipse intercidat*, 'lest the habit be lost.'

⁴⁰ Lay asleepe. *Amolitur*, 'remove.'

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them. The second is, to referue to a Mans Selfe, a faire Retreat:⁴¹ For if a man engage himselfe, by a manifest Declaration,⁴² he must goe through, or take a Fall.⁴³ The third is, the better to⁴⁴ discouer the Minde of another. For to him that opens himselfe, Men will hardly shew themselues aduerse; but will (faire) let him goe on, and turne their Freedome of Speech, to Freedome of thought. And therefore, it is a good shrewd Prouerbe of the Spaniard; *Tell a lye, and finde a Troth.* As if there were no way of Discouery, but⁴⁵ by *Simulation*. There be also three *Disaduantages*, to set it euen. The first, That *Simulation* and *Dissimulation*, commonly carry with them, a Shew of Fearfulnesse, which in any Businesse, doth spoile the Feathers, of round⁴⁶ flying vp to the Mark. The second, that it pusleth and perplexeth the Conceits of many;⁴⁷ that perhaps would otherwise co-operate with him;⁴⁸ and makes a Man walke, almost alone,⁴⁹ to his owne Ends. The third, and greatest is, that it depriueth a Man, of one, of the most principall Instruments for Action; which is *Trust* and *Beleeffe*.⁵⁰ The best Composition, and Temperature is, to haue *Opennesse* in Fame and Opinion;⁵¹ *Secrecy* in Habit; *Dissimulation* in seasonable vse; And a Power to faigne, if there be no Remedy.



⁴¹ Faire Retreat. *Ut pedem referat, et se absque Existimationis suae jactura de Negotio subducat*, 'to retreat and retire from the business without loss of reputation.'

⁴² After Manifest Declaration. *Is cuneis quasi impactis includitur*, 'he is shut in, as if by wedges driven home.'

⁴³ Take a Fall. *Turpiter desistendum*, 'leave off with disgrace.'

⁴⁴ The better to. *Quod viam aperiat*, 'because it opens the way to.'

⁴⁵ No way of Discouery, but. *Clavis ad Secreta reseranda*, 'a key to unlock secrets.'

⁴⁶ Round. *Perniciter*, 'swiftly.'

⁴⁷ Pusleth and perplexeth . . . many. *In ancipites Cogitationes Animos conficiant*, 'casts minds into doubtful thought.'

⁴⁸ After Co-operate with him. *Et studio suo rem promoturi*, 'and promote the matter by their zeal.'

⁴⁹ Alone. *Sine socia et amica opera . . . solus*, 'without the help of companions and friends—alone.'

⁵⁰ Trust and Beleeffe. *Fide*, 'faith.'

⁵¹ Opinion: Omitted in the Latin.

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9. Of Enuy.



Here be none of the *Affections*, which haue beene noted to fascinate, or bewitch,¹ but *Loue*, and *Enuy*. They both haue² vehement wishes; They frame themselves readily into Imaginations, and Suggestions; And they come easily into the Eye; especially vpon the prefence of the Obiects; which are the Points, that conduce to Fascination, if any such Thing there be. We see likewise, the Scripture calleth *Enuy*, An *Euill Eye*: And the Astrologers, call the euill Influences of the Starrs, *Euill Aspects*; So that still, there seemeth to be acknowledged, in the Act of *Enuy*, an Eiaculation, or Irradiation of the Eye. Nay some haue beene so curious, as to note, that the Times, when the Stroke, or Percussion of an *Enuious Eye* doth most hurt, are, when the *Party enuied* is beheld in Glory, or Triumph; For that sets an Edge vpon *Enuy*; And besides, at such times, the Spirits of the *person Enuied*, doe come forth, most into the outward Parts, and so meet the Blow.

But leauing these Curiosities, (though not vnworthy, to be thought on, in fit place), wee will handle,³ what *Persons are apt to Enuy others*; *What persons are most Subiect to be Enuied themselves*; And, *What is the Difference between Publique, and private Enuy*.

A man, that hath no vertue in himselfe, euer *enuieth* Vertue in others. For Mens Mindes, will either feed vpon⁴ their owne Good, or vpon others Euill; And who

EE. Variations in posthumous Latin Edition of 1638.

¹ Bewitch. Omitted in the Latin.

² Haue. *Prognit*, 'produce.'

³ Wee will handle. *Tractabimus hæc tria*, 'we shall handle these three points.'

⁴ Feed vpon. *Se pascunt, et delectantur*, 'feed upon and delight in.'

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wanteth the one,⁵ wil prey vpon the other ; And who so is out of Hope to attaine to anothers Vertue, will seeke to come at euen hand, by Depressing an others Fortune.

A man that is Bufy, and Inquisitiue, is commonly *Enuious* : For to know much of other Mens Matters, cannot be, because all that Adoe may concerne his owne Estate : Therfore it must needs be, that he taketh a kinde of plaie-pleasure, in looking vpon the Fortunes of others ; Neither can he, that mindeth but his own Bufinesse, finde much matter for *Enuy*.⁶ For *Enuy* is a Gadding Passion, and walketh the Streets, and doth not keepe home ; *Non est curiosus, quin idem sit maleuolus*.

Men of Noble birth, are noted, to be *enuious* towards New Men, when they rise. For the distance is altered ; And it is like a deceit of the Eye, that when others come on, they thinke themselues goe backe.

Deformed Persons, and Eunuches, and Old Men, and Bastards, are *Enuious* : For he that cannot possibly mend his owne case, will doe what he can to impaire anothers ; Except these Defects light, vpon a very braue, and Heroicall Nature ; which thinketh to make his Naturall Wants, part of his Honour : In that it should be said, that an Eunuch, or a Lame Man, did such great Matters ; Affecting the Honour of a Miracle ; as it was in *Narfes* the Eunuch, and *Agefilaus*, and *Tamberlanes*, that were Lame men.

The same, is the Case of Men, that rise after Calamities, and Misfortunes ; For they are, as Men fallen out with the times ; And thinke other Mens Harmes, a Redemption, of their owne Sufferings.

They, that desire to excell in too many Matters, out

⁵ The one. *Primo Alimento*, 'the former nourishment.'

⁶ Matter for Envy. *Segetem Inuidiæ*, 'crop of envy.'

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of Leuity, and Vaine glory, are euer *Enuious*; For they cannot want worke;⁷ It being impossible, but many, in some one of those Things, should surpasse them. Which was the Character of *Adrian* the Emperour, that mortally *Enuied Poets*, and *Painters*, and *Artificers*, in Works, wherein he had a veine to excell.

Lastly, neare Kinsfolks, and Fellowes in Office, and those that haue beene bred together, are more apt to *Enuy* their Equals, when they are raised. For it doth vpbraide vnto them, their owne Fortunes; And pointeth at them, and commeth oftner into their remembrance, and incurreth likewise more into the note of others: And *Enuy* euer redoubleth⁸ from Speech and Fame. *Cains Enuy*, was the more vile, and Malignant, towards his brother *Abel*; Because, when his Sacrifice was better accepted, there was no Body to looke on. Thus much for those that are apt to *Enuy*.

Concerning those that are more or lesse subiect to *Enuy*: First, Persons of eminent Vertue, when they are aduanced, are lesse *enuied*. For their Fortune seemeth but due vnto them; and no man *Enuieth* the Payment of a Debt, but Rewards, and Liberality⁹ rather. Againe, *Enuy* is euer ioyned, with the Comparing of a Mans Selfe;¹⁰ And where there is no Comparifon, no *Enuy*; And therfore Kings, are not *enuied*, but by Kings. Neuerthelesse, it is to be noted, that vnworthy Persons, are most *enuied*, at their first comming in, and afterwards ouercome it better;¹¹ wheras contrariwise, Persons of Worth, and Merit, are most *enuied*, when their Fortune continueth long. For by that time, though their Vertue be the same, yet it hath not the

⁷ For they cannot want worke. *Ubique enim occurrunt Objecta Inuidia*, 'for objects of envy everywhere meet them.'

⁸ Redoubleth. *Reflectitur, et conduplicatur*, 'is reflected and redoubled.'

⁹ Rewards, and Liberality. *Largitioni supra Meritum*, 'liberality above desert.'

¹⁰ Of a Mans Selfe. Omitted in the Latin.

¹¹ Overcome it better. *Postea vero minus*, 'but afterwards less.'

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the same *Lustre*; For fresh Men grow vp, that darken it.

Persons of Noble Bloud, are lesse *enuied*, in their Rising:¹² For it seemeth, but Right, done to their Birth.¹³ Besides, there seemeth not much added to their Fortune; And *Enuy* is as the Sunne Beames, that beat hotter, vpon a Bank or steepe rising Ground;¹⁴ then vpon a Flat.^a And for the same reason, those that are aduanced by degrees, are lesse *enuied*, then those that are aduanced suddainly,¹⁵ and *per saltum*.^b

Those that haue ioyned with their Honour, great Trauels, Cares, or Perills, are lesse subiect to *Enuy*. For Men thinke, that they earne their Honours hardly, and pittie them sometimes; And *Pitty*, euer healeth *Enuy*: Wherefore, you shall obserue that the more deepe, and sober sort of Politique persons, in their Greatnesse, are euer bemoaning themselues, what a Life they lead; Chanting a *Quanta patimur*.^c Not that they feele it so, but onely to abate the Edge of *Enuy*. But this is to be vnderstood, of Businesse, that is laid vpon Men, and not such as they call vnto themselues. For Nothing increaseth *Enuy* more, then an vnneccessary, and Ambitious Ingrossing of Businesse. And nothing doth extinguish *Enuy* more, then for a great Person, to preserue all other inferiour Officers, in their full Rights, and Preheminences, of their Places.¹⁶ For by that meanes, there be so many¹⁷ Skreenes betweene him, and *Enuy*.

^a This passage is transferred from the *Essay Of Nobility* in the 1612 edition.—See pp. 190, 191, 194.

^b At a bound.

^c How great things do we suffer.

¹² Rising. *Cum Honoribus cumulantur*, 'when they are laden with honours.'

¹³ Birth. *Majoribus suis*, 'to their forefathers.'

¹⁴ Steepe rising Ground. Omitted in the Latin.

¹⁵ Suddainly. Omitted in the Latin.

¹⁶ Preserue . . . in their full Rights, and Preheminences, of their Places. *Nihil detrahatur*, 'detract nothing from.'

¹⁷ So many. *Quot illi Ministri sunt, tot*, 'as many as there are officers, so many.'

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Aboue all, those are most subiect to¹⁸ *Enuy*, which carry the Greatnesse of their Fortunes, in an insolent and proud Manner: Being neuer well,¹⁹ but while they are shewing, how great they are, Either by outward Pompe, or by Triumpling ouer all Opposition, or Competition; whereas Wise men will rather doe sacrifice to *Enuy*; in suffering themselues, sometimes of purpose to be crost, and ouerborne²⁰ in things, that doe not much concerne them. Notwithstanding, so much is true; That the Carriage of Greatnesse, in a plaine and open manner (so it be without Arrogancy, and Vaine glory) doth draw lesse *Enuy*, then if it be²¹ in a more crafty, and cunning fashion. For in that course, a Man doth but disauow Fortune; And seemeth to be conscious, of his owne want in worth; And doth but teach²² others to *Enuy* him.

Lastly, to conclude this Part; As we said in the beginning, that the Act of *Enuy*, had somewhat in it, of *Witchcraft*; so there is no other Cure of *Enuy*, but the cure of *Witchcraft*:²³ And that is, to remoue the *Lot* (as they call it) and to lay it vpon another. For which purpose, the wiser Sort of great Persons, bring in euer vpon the Stage, some Body, vpon whom to deriue²⁴ the *Enuie*, that would come vpon themselues; Sometimes²⁵ vpon Ministers and Seruants; Sometimes vpon Colleagues and Associates; and the like; And for that turne, there are neuer wanting, some Persons of violent and vndertaking Natures, who so they may haue Power, and Businesse, will take it at any Cost.²⁶

¹⁸ Subiect to. *In se concitant*, 'excite against themselves.'

¹⁹ Well. *Sibi placentes*, 'pleasing to themselves.'

²⁰ Crost, and ouerborne. *Vinci*, 'overcome.'

²¹ Then if it be. *Quam si se notæ subtrahat*, 'than if it withdraws itself from notice.'

²² Teach. *Stimulat*, 'provoke.'

²³ Cure of Witchcraft. *Veneficii, et Incantationis*, 'witchcraft and charming.'

²⁴ Deriue. *Derivent*, 'turn off.'

²⁵ Sometimes. *Quandoque . . . eam rejicientes*, 'sometimes casting it off.'

²⁶ Take it at any cost. *Quovis periculo mercari*, 'buy it for any danger.'

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Now to speake of Publique *Enuy*. There is yet some good in *Publique Enuy*; whereas in *Private*, there is none. For *Publique Enuy* is as an *Ostracisme*,²⁷ that eclipseth Men, when they grow too great. And therefore it is a Bridle also to Great Ones, to keepe them within Bounds.

This *Enuy*, being in the Latine word *Invidia*, goeth in the Moderne languages, by the name of *Discontentment*: Of which we shall speake in handling *Sedition*. It is a disease, in a State,²⁸ like to Infection. For as Infection, spreadeth vpon that, which is found, and tainteth it; So when *Enuy*, is gotten once into a State, it traduceth euen the best Actions²⁹ thereof, and turneth them into an ill Odour. And therefore, there is little won by intermingling of plausible³⁰ Actions. For that doth argue, but a Weaknesse, and Feare of *Enuy*, which hurteth so much the more, as it is likewise vsuall in *Infections*; which if you feare them, you call them vpon you.³¹

This publique *Enuy*, seemeth to beat³² chiefly, vpon principall Officers, or Ministers, rather then vpon Kings, and Estates³³ themselues. But this is a sure Rule, that if the *Enuy* vpon the Minister, be great, when the cause of it, in him, is smal; or if the *Enuy* be generall, in a manner, vpon all the Ministers of an Estate; then the *Enuy* (though hidden) is truly vpon the State it selfe.³⁴ And so much of *publike enuy* or *discontentment*, and the difference therof from *Private Enuy*, which was handled in the first place.

²⁷ Ostracisme. *Salubris Otracismi*, 'a salutary ostracism.'

²⁸ State. *Regnis et Rebuspublicis*, 'kingdoms and states.'

²⁹ Actions. *Mandata et Instituta*, 'laws and ordinances.'

³⁰ Plausible. *Actiones gratas et populares, odiosis*, 'pleasing and popular actions with disagreeable ones.'

³¹ Call them vpon you. *Facilius irruunt*, 'they attack you more easily.'

³² Seemeth to beat. *Involat*, 'flies at.'

³³ And Estates. Omitted in the Latin.

³⁴ State it selfe. *Regem, aut Statum ipsum*, 'the king or state itself.'

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We will adde this, in generall, touching the Affection of *Envy*; that of all other Affections, it is the most importune, and continuall. For of other *Affections*,³⁵ there is occasion giuen, but now and then : And therefore, it was well said, *Inuidia festos dies non agit.*^a For it is euer working vpon some, or other.³⁶ And it is also noted, that *Loue* and *Envy*, doe make a man pine, which other Affections doe not ; because they are not so continuall. It is also the vilest Affection, and the most depraued ; For which cause, it is the proper Attribute, of the Deuill, who is called ; *The Enuious Man, that soweth tares amongst the whcat by night.*^b As it alwayes commeth to passe, that *Envy* worketh subtilly, and in the darke ; And to the preiudice of good things, such as is the *Wheat*.



^a *Jealousy keeps not holidays.*

^b Matt. xiii. 25.

³⁵ For of other Affections. *Aliis Affectibus excitandis*, 'of exciting other affections.'

³⁶ For it is euer working vpon some or other. *Quia semper Materiam se exercendi reperit*, 'for it always finds material on which to work.'

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12. Of Boldnesse.



Tis a triuiall Grammar Schoole Text, but yet worthy a wise *Mans* Consideration. Question was asked of *Demosthenes*; *What was the Chiefe Part of an Oratour?* He answered, *Action*; what next? *Action*; what next again? *Action*.^a He said it, that knew it best; And had by nature, himselfe, no Aduantage, in that he commended. A strange thing, that that Part of an Oratour, which is but superficiall, and rather the vertue of a Player; should be placed so high, aboue those other Noble Parts, of *Inuention*, *Elocution*, and the rest: Nay almost alone, as if it were All in All. But the Reason is plaine. There is in Humane Nature, generally, more of the Foole, then of the Wise; And therfore those faculties, by which the Foolish part of Mens Mindes is taken, are most potent. Wonderfull like is the Case¹ of *Boldnesse*, in Ciuill Businesse; What first? *Boldnesse*; What Second, and Third? *Boldnesse*. And yet *Boldnesse* is a Childe of Ignorance, and Basenesse, farre inferiour to other Parts.² But neuerthelesse, it doth fascinate, and binde hand and foot, those, that are either shallow³ in Iudgment; or weake⁴ in Courage, which are the greatest Part; Yea and preuaileth with wise men, at weake times.⁵ Therfore, we see it hath done wonders,⁶ in Popular States; but with Senates

^a Cicero, *Brutus*. xxxviii.

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¹ Wonderfull like is the Case. *Mire convenit, et quasi parallela est*, 'agrees wonderfully, and is as it were parallel.'

² Other parts. *Civilis Scientiæ Partibus*, 'parts of political science.'

³ Shallow. *Infermi*, 'weak.'

⁴ Weake. *Timidiores*, 'more timid.'

⁵ At weake times. *Cum Animis vacillanti*, 'when they waver in their minds.'

⁶ Done wonders. *Piurimum valuisse*, 'has been most strong.'

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and Princes leffe; And more euer vpon the first entrance of *Bold Persons* into Action, then foone after; For *Boldnesse* is an ill keeper of promise. Surely, as there are *Mountebanques* for the Naturall Body:⁷ So are there *Mountebanques* for the Politique Body: Men that vndertake great Cures; And perhaps haue been Lucky, in two or three Experiments, but want the Grounds of Science; And therefore cannot hold out.⁸ Nay you shall see a *Bold Fellow*, many times, doe *Mahomets* Miracle. *Mahomet* made the People beleue, that he would call an Hill to him; And from the Top of it, offer vp his Praiers, for the Obseruers of his Law. The People assembled; *Mahomet* cald the Hill to come to him, againe, and againe; And when the Hill stood still, he was neuer a whit abashed, but said; *If the Hill will not come to Mahomet, Mahomet wil go to the hil.* So these Men, when they haue promised great Matters, and failed most shamefully, (yet if they haue the perfection of *Boldnesse*) they will but flight it ouer, and make a turne, and no more adoe. Certainly, to Men of great Iudgment, *Bold Persons*, are a Sport to behold; Nay and to the Vulgar also, *Boldnesse* hath somewhat of the Ridiculous. For if Absurdity be the Subiect of Laughter, doubt you not, but great *Boldnesse* is feldome without some Absurdity. Especially, it is a Sport to see, when a *Bold Fellow* is out of Countenance; For that puts his Face, into a most Shruncken, and woodden Posture;⁹ As needes it must; For in Bashfulnesse, the Spirits doe a little goe and come; but with *Bold Men*, vpon like occasion, they stand at a stay;¹⁰ Like a Stale at Chesse, where

⁷ For the Naturall Body. *Qui Corpori Naturali mederi profitentur*, 'who profess to heal the natural body.'

⁸ Cannot hold out. *Sæpius excidunt*, 'often fail.'

⁹ Shruncken and woodden Posture. *In se reductum, sed deformiter*, 'drawn back into itself, but ill-favouredly.'

¹⁰ Stand at a stay. *Attoniti hærent*, 'they stick, astounded.'

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it is no Mate, but yet the Game cannot stirre. But this last, were fitter for a Satyre, then for a serious Obseruation. This is well to be weighed; That *Boldnesse* is euer blinde: For it seeth not dangers, and Inconueniences. Therefore, it is ill in Counsell, good in Execution: So that the right Vse of *Bold* persons is, that they neuer Command in Chiefe, but be Seconds, and vnder the Direction of others. For in Counsell, it is good to see dangers; And in Execution, not to see them, except they be very great.



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18. Of Trauaile.¹



*T**rauaile*, in the younger Sort, is a Part of Education; In the Elder, a Part of Experience. He that *trauaileth* into a Country,² before he hath some Entrance into the Language, goeth to *Schoole*, and not to *Trauaile*. That Young Men *trauaile* vnder some Tutor, or graue³ Seruant, I allow well; So that he be such a one, that hath the Language, and hath been in the Country before; whereby he may be able to tell them, what Things are worthy to be seene⁴ in the Country where they goe; what Acquaintances⁵ they are to seeke; What Exercises or discipline the Place yeeldeth. For else young Men shall goe hooded, and looke abroad little. It is a strange Thing, that in Sea voyages, where there is nothing to be seene, but Sky and Sea, Men should make Diaries; But in *Land-Trau[a]ile*, wherein so much is to be obserued, for the most part, they omit it; As if Chance, were fitter to be registred, then Obseruation. Let Diaries, therefore, be brought in vse. The Things to be seene and obserued are: The Courts of Princes, specially when they giue Audience⁶ to Ambassadors.⁷ The Courts of Iustice, while they sit⁸ and heare Causes; And so of Consistories Ecclesiasticke: The Churches, and Monasteries, with the Monuments which are there-

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¹ TITLE. *De Peregrinatione in Partes Exteras*, 'of travel into foreign parts.'

² Country. *Partes Exteras*, 'foreign parts.'

³ Graue. *Experto*, 'experienced.'

⁴ Seene. *Spectatu et cognitu*, 'seen and noticed.'

⁵ Acquaintances. *Amicitiae et Familiaritates*, 'friendships and acquaintances.'

⁶ Giue Audience. *Admittunt*, 'admit.'

⁷ Ambassadors. *Legatos Exteros*, 'foreign ambassadors.'

⁸ While they sit. Omitted in the Latin.

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in extant: The Wals and Fortifications of Cities and Townes; And so the Hauens and Harbours: Antiquities, and Ruines: Libraries; Colledges, Disputations, and Lectures, where any are: Shipping and Nauies: Houfes, and Gardens of State, and Pleasure, neare great Cities: Armories: Arsenals: Magazens:⁹ Exchanges: Burfes: Ware-houfes: Exercifes of Horfeman-ship; Fencing; Trayning¹⁰ of Souldiers; and the like: Comedies; Such wherunto the better Sort of perfons doe resort; Treasuries of Iewels, and Robes; Cabinets,¹¹ and Rarities: And to conclude, whatfoeuer is memorable¹² in the Places; where they goe. After all which, the Tutors or Seruants, ought to make diligent Enquirie. As for Triumphs; Masques; Feasts, Weddings; Funeralls; Capitall Execu[tion]s; and fuch Shewes; Men need not to be put in minde of them; Yet are they not to be neglected. If you will haue a Young Man, to put his *Trauaile*,¹³ into a little Roome, and in short time, to gather much, this you must doe. First, as was said, he must haue some Entrance into the Language, before he goeth. Then he must haue such a Seruant, or Tutor, as knoweth the Country, as was likewise said. Let him carry with him also some Card or Booke describing the Country, where he trauelleth; which will be a good Key to his Enquiry. Let him keepe also a Diary. Let him not stay long in one Citty, or Towne; More or lesse as the place deserueth, but not long: Nay, when he stayeth in one City or Towne, let him change¹⁴ his Lodging, from one End¹⁵ and Part of the Towne, to another; which

⁹ Magazens. *Cellæ et Horrea publica*, 'public stores and granaries.'

¹⁰ Trayning. *Delectus et Instructio*, 'levying and training.'

¹¹ Cabinets. *Curiositates*, 'curiosities.'

¹² Memorable. *Celebre aut memorabile*, 'remarkable or memorable.'

¹³ Trauaile. *Fructum Peregrinationis*, 'the fruit of his travel.'

¹⁴ Change. *Mutet sæpius*, 'change often.'

¹⁵ End. Omitted in the Latin.

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is a great Adamant¹⁶ of Acquaintance. Let him sequester himselfe from the Company of his Country men, and diet in such Places, where there is good Company of the Nation, where he trauaileth. Let him vpon his Remoues, from one place to another, procure Recommendation, to some person of Quality, residing in the Place, whither he remoueth; that he may vse his Fauour,¹⁷ in those things, he desireth to see or know. Thus he may abridge¹⁸ his *Trauaille*, with much profit. As for the acquaintance,¹⁹ which is to be fought in *Trauaille*; That which is most of all profitable, is Acquaintance with the Secretaries, and Employd Men of Ambassadors; For so in *Trauing* in one Country he shall sucke²⁰ the Experience²¹ of many. Let him also see and visit, Eminent Persons, in all Kindes, which are of great Name abroad; That he may be able to tell, how the Life²² agreeth with the Fame. For Quarels,²³ they are with Care and Discretion to be auoided: They are, commonly, for Mistresses;²⁴ Healths;²⁵ Place; and Words.²⁶ And let a Man beware, how he keepeth Company, with Cholerick and Quarrelsome²⁷ Persons; for they will engage him into their owne Quarels. When a *Trauailer* returneth home, let him not leaue the Countries, where he hath *Trauailed*, altogether behinde him;

¹⁶ After-Adamant. *Attrahendi Familiaritates, et Consuetudines Hominum complurium*, 'for attracting acquaintances and friendships with many men.'

¹⁷ Fauour. *Favore et opera*, 'favour and help.'

¹⁸ Abridge. *Utilitatem accelerare*, 'hasten the profit.'

¹⁹ Acquaintance. *Familiaritates et Amicitias*, 'acquaintances and friendships.'

²⁰ Sucke. *Ad se attrahet, et suget*, 'draw to himself and suck.'

²¹ Experience. *Notitiam et Experientiam*, 'knowledge and experience.'

²² Life. *Os, vultus, et Corporis Lineamenta et Motus*, 'face, countenance, and lineaments and movements of the body.'

²³ Quarels. *Rixas et Simultates*, 'quarrels and disputes.'

²⁴ Mistresses. *Amores*, 'loves.'

²⁵ Healths. *Compotationes*, 'drinking bouts.'

²⁶ Words. *Verba contumeliosa*, 'insulting words.'

²⁷ Quarrelsome. *Qui facile Inimicitias suscipiunt*, 'who easily take up enmities.'

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But maintaine²⁸ a Correspondence, by letters, with those of his Acquaintance, which are of most Worth. And let his *Trouaile* appeare rather in his Discourse, then in his Apparrell, or Gesture: And in his Discourse, let him be rather aduised in his Answers, then forwards²⁹ to tell Stories; And let it appeare, that he doth not change his Country Manners, for those of Forraigne Parts; But onely, prick in some Flowers, of that he hath Learned abroad, into the Customes of his owne Country.



²⁸ Maintaine. *Conseruet, et colat*, 'maintain and cultivate.'

²⁹ Forwards. *Facilis et pronus*, 'easy and disposed.'

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21. Of Delayes.¹

Fortune is like the *Market*; Where many times, if you can stay a little, the Price will fall. And againe, it is sometimes like *Sybilla's* Offer; which at first offereth the Commodity at full, then consumeth part and part, and still

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¹ TITLE. *De Mora*, 'of delay.'

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holdeth vp the Price. For *Occasion* (as it is in the Common verſe) *turneth a Bald Noddle, after ſhe hath preſented her locks in Front, and no hold taken*: Or at leaſt turneth the Handle of the Bottle, firſt to be receiued, and after the Belly, which is hard to claſpe. There is ſurely no greater Wiſedome, then well to time the Beginnings, and Onſets of Things. Dangers are no more light, if they once ſeeme light: And more dangers haue deceiued Men, then forced them. Nay, it were better, to meet ſome Dangers halfe way, though they come nothing neare,² then to keepe too long a watch,³ vpon their Approaches;⁴ For if a Man watch too long, it is odds he will fall aſleepe. On the other ſide, to be deceiued, with too long Shadowes, (As ſome haue beene, when the Moone was low, and ſhone on their Enemies backe) And ſo to ſhoot off before the time; Or to teach dangers to come on, by ouer early Buckling towards them, is another Extreme. The Ripeneſſe, or Vnripenefſe, of the Occaſion (as we ſaid) muſt euer be well weighed; And generally, it is good, to commit the Beginnings of all great Actions, to *Argos* with his hundred Eyes; And the Ends to *Briareus* with his hundred Hands: Firſt to Watch, and then to Speed. For the *Helmet* of *Pluto*, which maketh the Politicke Man goe Inuiſible, is, *Secrecy* in the Counſell, and *Celerity* in the Execution. For when Things are once come to the Execution, there is no *Secrecy* comparable to *Celerity*; Like the Motion of a Bullet in the Ayre, which flyeth ſo ſwift, as it out-runs the Eye.



² Though they come nothing neare. Omitted in the Latin.

³ Watch. *Perpetuo inquirere, et observare*, 'continually to ſeek out and watch.'

⁴ Approaches. *Motus, et Appropinquationem*, 'movements and approach.'

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24. Of Innouations.



THE Births of Liuing Creatures,¹ at first, are ill shapen : So are all *Innouations*, which are the Births of Time. Yet notwithstanding, as Those that first bring Honour into their Family, are commonly more worthy, then most that succeed : So the first President² (if it be good) is seldome attained³ by Imitation.⁴ For Ill, to Mans Nature, as it stands peruerted,⁵ hath a Naturall Motion, strongest in Continuance : But Good, as⁶ a Forced Motion, strongest at first. Surely euery *Medicine* is an *Innouation* ; And he that will not apply New Remedies, must expect New Euils : For Time is the greatest *Innouatour* : And if Time, of course, alter Things to the worfe, and Wisedome, and Counsell shall not alter them to the better, what shall be the End?⁷ It is true,⁸ that what is setled by Custome, though it be not good, yet at least it is fit.⁹ And those Things, which haue long gone together,¹⁰ are as it were confederate within themselues : Whereas New Things peece¹¹ not so well ; But though they helpe by their vtility, yet

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¹ Births of Liuing Creatures. *Partus recens editi*, 'recent births.'

² First President. *Exemplaria, et Primordia*, 'precedents and beginnings.'

³ Seldome attained. *Plurimum, superant*, 'mostly surpass.'

⁴ Imitation. *Imitationem Ætatis sequentis*, 'imitation of the succeeding age.'

⁵ As it stands peruerted. Omitted in the Latin.

⁶ As. *Ut fieri amat*, 'as is usually done.'

⁷ End. *Finis Mali*, 'end of the evil.'

⁸ True. *Concedi prorsus debet*, 'must be granted.'

⁹ Fit. *Aptum . . . Temporibus*, 'fit for the times.'

¹⁰ Gone together. *Uno quasi Alveo fluxerunt*, 'have flowed as it were in one bed.'

¹¹ Peece. *Veteribus . . . cohæreant*, 'cohere with the old.'

¹² Inconformity. *Novitate tamen et Inconformitate*, 'by their newness and inconformity.'

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they trouble, by their Inconformity.¹² Besides, they¹³ are like *Strangers*; ¹⁴ more Admired, and lesse Fauoured. All this is true, if Time stood still; which contrariwise moueth so round, that a Froward ¹⁵ Retention of Custome, is as turbulent a Thing, as an *Innouation*: And they that Reuerence too much Old Times, are but a Scorne to the New. It were good therefore, that Men in their *Innouations*, would follow the Example of Time it selfe; which indeed *Innouateth* greatly, but quietly, and by degrees, scarce to be perceiued: ¹⁶ For otherwise, whatsoeuer is New, is vnlooked for; ¹⁷ And euer it mends Some, and paires¹⁸ Other: And he that is holpen, takes it for a Fortune, and thanks the Time; And he that is hurt, for a wrong, and imputeth it to the Author. It is good also, not to try Experiments ¹⁹ in States; ²⁰ Except the Necessity be Vrgent, or the vtility Euident: And well to beware, that it be the Reformation,²¹ that draweth on the Change; And not the desire of Change, that pretendeth the Reformation. And lastly, that the *Nouelty*,²² though it be not reiected, yet be held for a Suspect: And, as the Scripture saith; *That we make a stand vpon the Ancient Way, and then looke about us, and discover, what is the straight, and right way, and so to walke in it.*^a



^a Jer. vi. 16.

¹² They. *Novitates*, 'novelties.'

¹³ Strangers. *Advena aut peregrini*, 'newcomers or foreigners.'

¹⁴ Froward. *Importuna et Morosa*, 'unsuitable and froward.'

¹⁵ After Perceiued. *Illud enim pro certo habeas*, 'be assured of this.'

¹⁶ Vnlooked for. *Prater Spem et Expectationem accedere*, 'comes, contrary to hope and expectation.'

¹⁷ Paires. *Eripere*, 'takes away from.'

¹⁸ Experiments. *Experimentis Novis*, 'new experiments.'

¹⁹ States. *In Corporibus Politicis medendis*, 'in reforming political bodies.'

²⁰ Reformation. *Reformationis studium*, 'desire of reformation.'

²¹ The Nouelty. *Omnis Novitas*, 'every novelty.'

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31. Of Suspicion.



Suspicious amongst Thoughts, are like Bats amongst Birds, they euer fly by Twilight. Certainly, they are to be repressed, or, at the least, well guarded: For they cloud the Minde; they leese Friends; and they checke with Businesse, whereby Businesse cannot goe on, currently, and constantly. They dispose Kings to Tyranny, Husbands to Iealousie, Wife Men to Irresolution and Melancholy. They are Defects, not in the Heart, but in the Braine; For they take Place in the Stoutest Natures: As in the Example of *Henry* the Seuenth of *England*: There was not a more *Suspicious* Man, nor a more Stout. And in such a Composition, they doe small Hurt. For commonly they are not admitted, but with Examination, whether they be likely or no? But in fearefull Natures, they gaine Ground too fast. There is Nothing makes a Man *Suspect* much, more then to Know little: And therefore Men should remedy *Suspicion*, by procuring to know more,¹ and not to keep their *Suspitions* in Smother.² What would Men haue? Doe they thinke, those they employ and deale with, are Saints?³ Doe they not thinke, they will haue their owne Ends, and be truer to Themselues, then to them? Therefore, there is no better Way to moderate *Suspitions*, then to account vpon⁴ such *Suspitions* as true, and yet to bridle them, as false. For so farre, a

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¹ Procuring to know more. *Ut quis Inquisitionem urgeat*, 'to press inquiry.'

² And not to keep their Suspitions in smother. *Fumo enim et Tenebris aluntur Suspiciones*, 'for suspicions are nourished by smoke and darkness.'

³ Saints. *Angelos esse, aut Sanctos?* 'are angels or saints?'

⁴ Account vpon. *Remedia parare*, 'prepare remedies.'

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Man ought to make vse of *Suspitions*, as to prouide, as if that should be true, that he *Suspects*, yet it may doe him no Hurt. *Suspitions*, that the Minde, of it selfe, gathers, are but Buzzes;⁵ But *Suspitions*, that are artificially nourished, and put into Mens Heads,⁶ by the Tales, and Whisprings of others,⁷ haue Stings. Certainly, the best Meane, to cleare the Way, in this same Wood⁸ of *Suspitions*, is franckly to communicate them,⁹ with the Partie, that he *Suspects*: For thereby, he shall be sure, to know more of the Truth of them, then he did before; And withall, shall make that Party, more circumspect,¹⁰ not to giue further Cause of *Suspicion*. But this would not be done to Men of base¹¹ Natures: For they, if they finde themselues once suspected, will neuer be true. The *Italian* saies: *Sospetto licentia fede.*^a As if *Suspicion* did giue a Pasport to Faith: But it ought rather to kindle it, to discharge it selfe.



^a *Suspicion gives a passport to trust.*

⁵ Buzzes. *Inanes Bombi*, 'empty buzzes.'

⁶ Heads. *Animis*, 'minds.'

⁷ Others. *Famigeratorum*, 'talebearers.'

⁸ Same Wood. *Impedita Sylva*, 'tangled wood.'

⁹ Franckly to communicate them. *Libera quædam et aperta illarum Declaratio*, 'a free and open declaration of them.'

¹⁰ Circumspect. *Cautum magis et circumspectum*, 'more careful and circumspect.'

¹¹ Base. *Prava, et Degeneris*, 'bad and base.'

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33. Of Plantations.¹

*Plantations*² are³ amongst Ancient, Primitive,⁴ and Heroicall Workes. When the World was young, it begate more Children; But now it is old, it begets fewer: For I may iustly account new *Plantations*, to be the Children of former Kingdomes. I like a *Plantation* in a Pure Soile; that is, where People are not *Displanted*,⁵ to the end, to *Plant* in Others. For else, it is rather an Extirpation, then a *Plantation*. *Planting* of Countries, is like *Planting* of Woods; For you must make account, to leese almost⁶ Twenty yeeres Profit, and expect your Recompence,⁷ in the end. For the Principall Thing, that hath beene the Destruction of most *Plantations*,⁸ hath beene the Base, and Hastie drawing of Profit, in the first Yeeres. It is true, Speedie Profit⁹ is not to be neglected, as farre as may stand, with the Good of the *Plantation*, but no further. It is a Shamefull and Vnblessed Thing, to take the Scumme of People, and Wicked Condemned¹⁰ Men, to be the People with whom you *Plant*: And not only so, but it spoileth¹¹ the *Plantation*; For they will euer liue like Rogues, and not fall to worke, but be Lazie, and doe

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¹ TITLE. *De Plantationibus Populorum, et Coloniis*, 'of plantations of peoples and colonies.'

² Plantations. *Coloniæ*, 'colonies.'

³ Are. *Eminent*, 'are prominent.'

⁴ Primitive. Omitted in the Latin.

⁵ Displanted. *Destruitur*, 'destroyed.'

⁶ Make account to leese almost . . . Profit. *De Utilitate capienda nihil cogitandum ante*, 'there must be no thought of getting profit before.'

⁷ Recompence. *Fructus uber et locuples*, 'abundant and rich fruit.'

⁸ Plantations. *Coloniæ, alias bene successuras*, 'plantations, which otherwise would have succeeded well.'

⁹ Profit. *Lucri Segetem*, 'crop of profit.'

¹⁰ Wicked Condemned. *Exules, et Damnati*, 'exiles and condemned men.'

¹¹ Spoileth. *Corrumpit et perdit*, 'spoils and destroys.'

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Mischiefe, and spend Viſtualls, and be quickly weary,¹² and then Certifie¹³ ouer to their Country, to the Diſcredit¹⁴ of the *Plantation*. The People wherewith you *Plant*, ought to be Gardners,¹⁵ Ploughmen, Labourers, Smiths, Carpenters, Ioyners, Fiſher-men, Fowlers, with ſome few¹⁶ Apothecaries, Surgeons, Cookes, and Bakers.¹⁷ In a Country of *Plantation*, fiſt looke about, what kinde of Viſtuall,¹⁸ the Countrey yeelds of it ſelfe, to Hand:¹⁹ As Cheſtnuts, Wall-nuts, Pine-Apples, Oliues, Dates, Plummes, Cherries, Wilde-Hony, and the like: and make uſe of them. Then conſider, what Viſtuall or Eſculent Things there are, which grow ſpeedily, and within the yeere; As Parſnips, Carrets, Turnips, Onions, Radish,²⁰ Artichokes of Hieruſalem, Maiz, and the like. For Wheat,²¹ Barly, and Oats, they aſke too much Labour: But with Peaſe, and Beanes, you may begin; Both becauſe they aſke leſſe Labour, and becauſe they ſerue for Meat, as well as for Bread. And of Rice likewise commeth a great Encreaſe, and it is a kinde of Meat. Aboue all, there ought to be brought Store of Biſket, Oat-meale, Flower, Meale, and the like, in the beginning, till Bread may be had. For Beaſts, or Birds, take chiefly ſuch, as are leaſt Subiect to Diſeaſes, and Multiply faſteſt: As Swine, Goats, Cockes, Hennes, Turkeys, Geefe, Houſe doues,²² and the like. The Viſtuall in *Plantations*, ought to be expended, almoſt as in a Beſieged Towne; That is, with certaine Allowance. And let the Maine Part of the Ground employed

¹² Weary. *Coloniæ Fastidio*, 'weary of the colony.'

¹³ Certifie. *Nuncios et Literas mittent*, 'will ſend meſſengers and letters.'

¹⁴ Diſcredit. *Præjudicium et dedecus*, 'prejudice and diſcredit.'

¹⁵ Before Gardners. *Præcipue Artifices generum ſequentium*, 'chiefly artiſans of the following kinds.'

¹⁶ With ſome few. Omitted in the Latin.

¹⁷ After Bakers. *Cereviſiarii, et hujusmodi*, 'brewers and the like.'

¹⁸ Viſtuall. *Eſculentorum et Poculentorum*, 'eatables and drinkables.'

¹⁹ To Hand. *Sine cultura*, 'without tilling.'

²⁰ After Radish. *Melones, Pepones, Cucumeres*, 'melons, pumpkins, cucumbers.'

²¹ After Wheat. *Siliquam*, 'pulse.'

²² After Houſe-doues. *Cuniculi*, 'rabbits.'

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to Gardens or Corne, bee to a Common Stocke;²³ And to be Laid in, and Stored vp,²⁴ and then Deliuered out in Proportion; Besides some Spots of Ground, that any Particular Person, will Manure, for his owne Priuate.²⁵ Consider likewise, what Commodities the Soile, where the *Plantation* is,²⁶ doth naturally yeeld, that they may some way helpe to defray the Charge of the *Plantation*.²⁷ So it be not, as was said, to the vntimely Preiudice, of the maine Businesse:²⁸ As it hath fared with *Tobacco* in *Virginia*.^a Wood²⁹ commonly aboundeth but too much; And therefore, Timber³⁰ is fit to be one.³¹ If there be Iron Vre, and Streames whereupon to fet the Milles; Iron is a braue³² Commodity, where Wood aboundeth. Making³³ of Bay Salt, if the Climate be proper for it, would be put in Experience. Growing Silke³⁴ likewise, if any be, is a likely³⁵ Commodity. Pitch and Tarre,³⁶ where store of Firres and Pines are, will not faile. So Drugs, and, Sweet Woods, where they are, cannot but yeeld great Profit. Soape Ashes³⁷ likewise, and other Things, that

^a In the Latin this clause precedes the one before it in the text, and reads thus:—'Charge of the *Plantation*, As it hath fared with *Tobacco* in *Virginia*, So it be not, as was said, to the vntimely Preiudice of the maine Businesse. Wood, commonly,' &c.

²³ Common Stocke. *Horreis publicis*, 'public granaries.'

²⁴ Stored vp. Omitted in the Latin.

²⁵ That any Particular Person . . . owne priuate. *In quibus Industria singulorum se exercent*, 'on which the industry of individuals may be

²⁶ Soile, where the *Plantation* is. *Regio illa*, 'that district.' [exercised.]

²⁷ That they may . . . *Plantation*. *Vt Exportatio earum, in loca ubi maxime in pretio sunt, sumptus leuet*, 'that their exportation to places where they are of most value, may lessen the expense.'

²⁸ Maine Businesse. *Colonia ipsius*, 'the plantation itself.'

²⁹ After Wood. *In Regionibus desertis*, 'in uninhabited countries.'

³⁰ Timber. *Ligna, ad Edificia, Naves, aut ejusmodi usus apta*, 'timber, fit for building houses and ships or similar purposes.'

³¹ To be one. *Inter præcipuas Merces muneranda*, 'to be counted among the chief articles of traffic.'

³² Braue. *Quæstuosus*, 'profitable.'

³³ Making. *Confectio per Calorem Solis*, 'making by the heat of the sun.'

³⁴ Silke. *Sericum vegetabile*, 'vegetable silk.'

³⁵ Likely. *Lucrosa*, 'profitable.'

³⁶ Pitch and Tarre. *Pix cujuscunque generis*, 'pitch of all kinds.'

³⁷ Soape Ashes. *Cineres, quibus ad Sapam utuntur, non modicum Utilitatis afferent*, 'ashes, which are used for soap, will bring no little advantage.'

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may be thought of. But moile not too much vnder Ground:³⁸ For the Hope³⁹ of Mines is very Vncertaine,⁴⁰ and vseth to make the *Planters*⁴¹ Lazie, in other Things. For Gouvernment, let it be in the Hands of one, assisted with some Counsell: And let them haue Commission, to exercise Martiall Lawes, with some limitation. And aboue all, let Men make that Profit of being in the Wilder nesse, as they haue God alwaies, and his Seruice before their Eyes. Let not the Gouvernment of the *Plantation*, depend vpon too many Counsellours, and Vndertakers, in the Countrie that *Planteth*, but vpon a temperate Number;⁴² And let those be, rather Noblemen, and Gentlemen, then Merchants: For they looke euer to the present Gaine. Let there be Freedomes from Custome,⁴³ till the *Plantation* be of Strength: And not only Freedom from Custome,⁴⁴ but Freedom to carrie their Commodities, where they may make their Best of them, except there be some speciall Cause of Caution. Cramme⁴⁵ not in People, by sending too fast, Company, after Company; But rather hearken how they waste,⁴⁶ and send Supplies proportionably; But so, as the Number may liue well, in the

³⁸ Moile not . . . ground. *Verum fodinis ne confidas nimium præsertim a principio*, 'but trust not too much to mines, especially in the beginning.'

³⁹ Hope. Omitted in the Latin.

⁴⁰ Vncertaine. *Fallaces et sumptuosæ*, 'deceiving and expensive.'

⁴¹ Vseth to make the Planters. *Spe pulchra lactantes, Colonos reddunt*, 'and alluring the planters with fair hopes, make them.'

⁴² Let not the Gouvernment . . . Number. *Rursus, Colonia, a numerosiore Concilio (Intelligo in Regione, Matre Colonia, residente) non pendeat; Nec ob Contributiones exiguas Multitudini nimie subjiciatur; Sed sit Numerus eorum, qui Negotia Coloniae procurant et ordinant, moderatus*: 'again let not the colony depend on a too numerous council, residing in the mother country, nor let it be subject to too great a multitude on account of small contributions, but let the number of those who manage and order the business of the colony be moderate.'

⁴³ Custome. *Vectigalibus et Portoriis*, 'taxes and customes.'

⁴⁴ Custome. *Solutionibus Pecuniarum*, 'payment of money.'

⁴⁵ Cramme. *Farcias aut superoneres*, 'cram or overload.'

⁴⁶ Waste. *Quot Capita de tempore in tempus minuantur*, 'how the number is diminished from time to time.'

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Plantation, and not by Surcharge⁴⁷ be in Penury. It hath beene a great Endangering, to the Health of some *Plantations*, that they haue built along the Sea, and Riuers, in Marish and vnwholesome⁴⁸ Grounds Therefore, though you begin there, to auoid Carriage, and other like Discommodities, yet build still, rather vpwards, from the Streames, then along.⁴⁹ It concerneth likewise, the Health of the *Plantation*, that they haue good Store of Salt with them, that they may vse it, in their Victualls, when it shall be necessary.⁵⁰ If you *Plant*, where Sauages are, doe not onely entertaine them with Trifles, and Gingles; But vse them iustly, and graciously, with sufficient Guard neuerthelesse: And doe not winne their fauour, by helping them to inuade their Enemies, but for their Defence⁵¹ it is not amisse. And send oft of them, ouer to the Country, that *Plants*, that they may see a better Condition⁵² then their owne, and commend⁵³ it when they returne. When the *Plantation* grows to Strength, then it is time, to *Plant* with Women,⁵⁴ as well as with Men; That the *Plantation* may spread into Generations, and not be euer peece⁵⁵ from without. It is the sinfullest Thing in the world, to forsake or destitute a *Plantation*, once in Forwardnesse: For besides the Dishonour, it is the Guiltinesse of Blood,⁵⁶ of many Commiserable Persons.



⁴⁷ Surcharge. Omitted in the Latin.

⁴⁸ Vnwholesome. *Aquosis*, 'watery.'

⁴⁹ Then along. Omitted in the Latin.

⁵⁰ Necessary. *Quos verisimile est putridos aliter sæpe futuros*, 'which (the victuals) will probably otherwise be often putrid.'

⁵¹ Defence. *Sed Auxiliis Defensivis non incommodum erit subvenire*, 'but to help them by aid for their defence will not be amiss.'

⁵² Condition. *Conditiones hominum*, 'condition of men.'

⁵³ Commend. *Divulgent*, 'publish.'

⁵⁴ Plant with Women . . . Men. *Mulieres summittere*, 'send women also.'

⁵⁵ Be . . . peece. *Pendeat*, 'depend.'

⁵⁶ Guiltinesse of Blood. *Proditio mera Profusioque Sanguinis*, 'simple betrayal and shedding of blood.'

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35. Of Prophecies.



Meane not to speake of *Diuine Prophecies*;
Nor of Heathen Oracles; Nor of Naturall
Predictions; But only of *Prophecies*, that
haue beene of certaine Memory, and from
Hidden Causes. Saith the *Pythonissa* to *Saul*; To
Morrow thou and thy sonne shall be with me.^a *Homer*
hath these Verses.

*At Domus Æneæ cunctis dominabitur Oris,
Et Nati Natorum, et qui nascentur ab illis:*^b

A *Prophecie*, as it seemes, of the *Roman Empire*.
Seneca the *Tragedian* hath these Verses.

————— *Venient Annis
Secula feris, quibus Oceanus
Vincula Rerum laxet, et ingens
Pateat Tellus, Typhisque nouos
Detegat Orbes; nec sit Terris
Vltima Thule:*^c

A *Prophecie* of the Discouery of *America*. The
Daughter of *Polycrates* dreamed, that *Iupiter* bathed
her Father, and *Apollo* annointed him: And it came
to passe, that he was crucified in an Open Place,
where the Sunne made his Bodie runne with Sweat,
and the Raine washed it.^d *Philip* of *Macedon* dreamed,
He sealed vp his Wiues Belly: Whereby he did ex-
pound it, that his Wife should be barren: But *Aris-*

^a 1 Sam. xxviii. 19.

^b But the family of *Æneas* shall rule over all lands. And his children's
children and those that shall be born of them. Virgil. *Æneid.* iii. 97. which
are adapted from *Homer. Iliad.* xx. 307, 8.

^c There shall come a time in the series of years, in which the Ocean shall
unloose the bounds of things and a vast earth shall appear; also another
Typhis shall disclose new worlds, neither shall *Thule* be the farthest land.
Seneca. Medea. ii. 375-380.

^d *Herodotus.* iii.

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tander the Soothfayer, told him, his Wife was with Childe, becaufe Men doe not vse to Seale Veffells that are emptie.^a A Phantasme, that appeared to *M. Brutus* in his Tent, said to him; *Philippis iterum me videbis.*^b *Tiberius* said to *Galba*. *Tu quoque Galba degustabis Imperium.*^c In *Vespasians* Time, there went a *Prophecie* in the East; That those that should come forth of *Iudea*, should reigne ouer the World: which though it may be was meant of our *Sauour*, yet *Tacitus* expounds it of *Vespasian.*^d *Domitian* dreamed, the Night before he was slaine, that a Golden Head was growing out of the Nape of his Necke:^e And indeed, the Succession that followed him, for many yeares, made Golden Times. *Henry* the Sixt of *England*, said of *Henry* the Seuenth, when he was a Lad, and gaue him Water; *This is the Lad, that shall enioy the Crowne, for which we strinue.*^f When I was in *France*, I heard from one *Dr. Pena*, that the *Q. Mother*, who was giuen to Curious Arts, caused the *King* her Husbands Natiuitie, to be Calculated, under a false Name; And the Astrologer gaue a Iudgement, that he should be killed in a Duell; At which the Queene laughed, thinkingher Husband, to be aboue Challenges and Duels: but he was slaine, vpon a Course at Tilt, the Splinters of the Staffe of *Mongomery*, going in at his Beuer. The triuiall *Prophecie*, which I heard, when I was a Childe, and *Queene Elizabeth* was in the Flower of her Yeares, was;

*When Hempe is sponne;
England's done.*

^a Plutarch. *Alexander*. ii.

^b *Thou shalt see me again at Philippi.* Appian. *De Bellis Civilibus*. iv. 134.

^c *Thou also wilt taste of Empire.* Suetonius. *Galba*. iv. tells it of Augustus.

^d Tacitus. *History*. v. 13.

^e Suetonius. *Domitian*. xxiii.

^f Holinshed. iii. 678. b. Ed. 1587.

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Whereby, it was generally conceiued, that after the *Princes* had Reigned, which had the Principiall *Letters*, of that Word *Hempe*, (which were *Henry, Edward, Mary, Philip, Elizabeth*) *England* should come to vtter Confusion : Which, thankes be to God, is verified only, in the Change of the Name : For that the Kings Stile, is now no more of *England*, but of *Britaine*. There was also another *Prophecie*, before the year of 88. which I doe not well vnderstand.

*There shall be seene vpon a day,
Betweene the Baugh, and the May,
The Blacke Fleet of Norway.
When that that is come and gone,
England build Houses of Lime and Stone
For after Warres shall you haue None.*

It was generally conceiued, to be meant of the Spanish Fleet, that came in 88. For that the *King of Spaines* Surname, as they say, is *Norway*. The Prediction of *Regiomontanus* ;

Octogesima octauus mirabilis Annus ;^a

Was thought likewise accomplished, in the Sending of that great Fleet, being the greatest in Strength, though not in Number, of all that euer swamme vpon the Sea. As for *Cleons Dreame*, I thinke it was a Iest. It was, that he was deuoured of a long Dragon ; And it was expounded of a Maker of Sausages, that troubled him exceedingly.^b There are Numbers of the like kinde ; Especially if you include *Dreames*, and *Predictions* of *Astrologie*. But I haue set downe these few onely of certaine Credit, for Example. My Iudgement is, that they ought all to be *Despised* ; And ought to serue, but for Winter Talke, by the Fire side. Though when I say *Despised*, I meane it as for Beleefe : For other-

^a *Eighty Eight, a year of wonders.*

^b *Aristophanes, Knights. 195.*

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wife, the Spreading or Publishing of them, is in no fort to be *Despised*. For they haue done much Mischiefe: And I see many feure Lawes made to suppress them. That, that hath giuen them Grace, and some Credit, consisteth in three Things. First, that Men marke, when they hit, and neuer marke, when they misse: As they doe, generally, also of *Dreames*. The second is, that Probable Coniectures, or obscure Traditions, many times, turne themselues into *Prophecies*: While the Nature of Man, which coueteth *Diuination*, thinks it no Perill to foretell that, which indeed they doe but collect. As that of *Seneca's* Verse. For so much was then subiect to Demonstration, that the Globe of the Earth, had great Parts beyond the Atlanticke; which might be Probably conceiued, not to be all Sea: And adding thereto, the Tradition in *Plato's Timeus*, and his *Atlanticus*, it might encourage One, to turne it to a *Prediction*. The third, and Last (which is the Great one) is, that almost all of them, being infinite in Number, haue beene Impossures, and by idle and craftie Braines, meereley contriued and fained, after the Euent Past.



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37. Of Masques and Triumphs.



Hese Things are but Toyes, to come amongst such Serious Obseruations. But yet, since Princes will haue such Things, it is better, they should be Graced with Elegancy, then Daubed with Cost. *Dancing to Song*, is a Thing of great State, and Pleasure. I vnderstand it, that the Song be in Quire, placed aloft, and accompanied with some broken Musicke: And the Ditty fitted to the Deuice. *Acting in Song*, especially in *Dialogues*, hath an extreme Good Grace: I say *Acting*, not *Dancing*, (For that is a Meane and Vulgar Thing;) And the *Voices* of the *Dialogue*, would be Strong and Manly, (A Base, and a Tenour; No Treble;) And the *Ditty* High and Tragickall; Not nice or Dainty. *Seuerall Quires*, placed one ouer against another, and taking the Voice by Catches, *Antheme* wise, giue great Pleasure. *Turning Dances* into *Figure*, is a childish Curiosity. And generally, let it be noted, that those Things, which I here set downe, are such, as doe naturally take the Sense, and not respect Petty Wonderments. It is true, the *Alterations of Scenes*, so it be quietly, and without Noise, are Things of great Beauty, and Pleasure: For they feed and relieue the Eye, before it be full of the same Obiect. Let the *Scenes* abound with *Light*, specially *Coloured* and *Varied*: And let the Masquers, or any other, that are to come down from the *Scene*, haue some Motions, vpon the *Scene* it selfe, before their Comming down: For it drawes the Eye strangely, and makes it with great pleasure, to desire to see that, it cannot perfectly discern. Let the *Songs* be *Loud*, and *Cheerefull*, and

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not *Chirpings*, or *Pulings*. Let the *Musicke* likewise, be *Sharpe*, and *Loud*, and *Well Placed*. The *Colours*, that shew best by Candlelight, are ; White, Carnation, and a Kinde of Sea-Water-Greene ; And *Oes*, or *Spangs*, as they are of no great Cost, so they are of most Glory. As for *Rich Embroidery*, it is lost, and not Discerned. Let the *Sutes* of the *Masquers*, be Gracefull, and such as become the Person, when the Vizars are off : Not after Examples of Knowne Attires ; Turks, Soldiers, Mariners, and the like. Let *Anti-masques* not be long : They haue been commonly of Fooles, Satyres, Baboones, Wilde-Men, Antiques, Beasts, Sprites, Witches, Ethiopes, Pigmies, Turquets, Nymphs, Rusticks, Cupids, Statua's Mouing, and the like. As for *Angels*, it is not Comickall enough, to put them in *Anti-Masques* ; And any Thing that is hideous, as Deuils, Giants, is on the other side as vnfit. But chiefly, let the *Musicke* of them, be Recreatiue, and with some strange Changes. Some *Sweet Odours*, suddenly comming forth, without any drops falling, are, in such a Company, as there is Steame and Heate, Things of great Pleasure ; and Refreshment. *Double Masques*, one of Men, another of Ladies, addeth State, and Variety. But All is Nothing, except the *Roome* be kept Cleare, and Neat.

For *Iusts*, and *Tourneys*, and *Barriers* ; The Glories of them, are chiefly in the Chariots, wherein the Challengers make their Entry ; Especially if they be drawne with Strange Beasts ; As Lions, Beares, Camels, and the like : Or in the Deuices of their Entrance ; Or in the Brauery of their Liueries ; Or in the Goodly Furniture of their Horses, and Armour. But enough of these Toyes.



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41. Of Usurie.¹

Any haue made Wittie Inuectiues against *Vfurie*.² They say, that it is Pitie, the Deuill should haue Gods part, which is the *Tithe*. That the *Vfurer* is the greatest Sabbath Breaker, because his Plough goeth euery Sunday.³ That the *Vfurer* is the *Droane*, that Virgil speaketh of:

Ignauum Fucos Pecus à præsepibus arcent.^a

That the *Vfurer* breaketh the First Law, that was made for Mankinde, after the Fall; which was, *In sudore Vultûs tui comedes Panem tuum*; Not, *In sudore Vultûs alieni*.^b That *Vfurers* should haue Orange-tawney Bonnets, because they doe *Iudaize*. That it is against Nature, for *Money* to beget *Money*; And the like. I say this onely, that *Vfury* is a *Concessum propter Duritiem Cordis*.^c For since there must be Borrowing and Lending,⁴ and Men are so hard of Heart, as they will not lend freely, *Vfury* must be permitted. Some Others haue made Suspicious, and Cunning Propositions, of Bankes,⁵ Discouery of Mens Estates, and other Inuentions. But few haue spoken of *Vfury* vfefully.⁶ It is good to set before vs, the *Incommodities*, and *Commodities* of *Vfury*; That the Good may be,

^a They drive away the drones, a slothful race, from the hives. Virgil. *Georgics*. iv. 168.

^b In the sweat of thy face, shalt thou eat thy bread [Gen. iii. 18], not in the sweat of another's face.

^c A concession on account of the hardness of the heart.

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¹ TITLE. *De Vsura sive Fænore*, 'of usury or interest.'

² Usurie. *Fæneratores*, 'usurers.'

³ Euery Sunday. *Sabbathis*, 'on Sabbaths.'

⁴ Borrowing and Lending. *Ut Pecunias mutuo dent, et accipiant*, 'that men should give and receive money on loan.'

⁵ Bankes. *Argentariis, et Excambiis publicis*, 'banks and public exchanges.'

⁶ Vsefully. *Solide et utiliter*, 'solidly and usefully.'

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either Weighed out, or Culled out; And warily to provide, that while we make forth, to that which is better, we meet not, with⁷ that which is worse.

The *Discommodities* of *Vsfury* are: First, that it makes fewer Merchants. For were it not, for this Lazie Trade of *Vsfury*,⁸ Money would not lie still,⁹ but would, in great Part, be Employed vpor. Merchandizing; Which is the *Vena Porta* of Wealth¹⁰ in a State. The Second, that it makes Poore Merchants. For as a Farmer cannot husband his Ground so well,¹¹ if he sit at¹² a great Rent; So the Merchant cannot driue his Trade so well,¹³ if he sit at¹⁴ great *Vsfury*. The Third is incident to the other two; And that is, the Decay of Customes of Kings or States,¹⁵ which Ebbe or flow with Merchandizing. The Fourth, that it bringeth the Treasure¹⁶ of a Realme or State, into a few Hands. For the *Vsfurer*¹⁷ being at Certainties, and others at Vncertainties, at the end of the Game;¹⁸ Most of the Money will be in the Boxe;¹⁹ And euer a State flourisheth, when Wealth is more equally²⁰ spread.²¹ The Fifth, that it beats downe the Price of Land:²² For the Employment of Money, is chiefly, either

⁷ Meet not with. *Intercipiamur et incidamus*, 'are intercepted by and fall into.'

⁸ Trade of Vsury. *Pecuniæ in Fœnus Erogatio*, 'giving out of money at interest.'

⁹ Lie still. *Delitescerent præ Socordia*, 'be hidden away from idleness.'

¹⁰ Of Wealth. *Ad Opes introducendas*, 'for bringing in wealth.'

¹¹ So well. *Ita fructuose*, 'so fruitfully.'

¹² Sit at. *Solvat*, 'pay.'

¹³ So well. *Tam commode et lucrose*, 'so conveniently and profitably.'

¹⁴ If he sit at. *Si Pecuniis Fœnore sumptis, negotietur*, 'if he do business with money taken up at interest.'

¹⁵ Customes of Kings or States. *Portoriorum et Vectigalium publicorum*, 'public customs and taxes.'

¹⁶ Treasure. *Thesaurum, et Pecunias*, 'treasure and money.'

¹⁷ Vsurer. *Fœneratoris Lucrum*, 'the usurer's gain.'

¹⁸ After Game. *Prout fit sæpe in Alea*, 'as often happens at dice.'

¹⁹ The Boxe. *Promo*, 'the keeper.'

²⁰ Equally. Omitted in the Latin.

²¹ Spread. *Dispergantur, non coacerventur*, 'spread not heaped up.'

²² Land. *Terre et Prædiorum*, 'land and farms.'

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Merchandizing, or Purchasing;²³ And *Vsfury* Way-layes both. The Sixth, that it doth Dull and Dampe all Industries, Improvements, and new Inventions, wherein Money would be Stirring, if it were not for this Sluggish. The Last, that it is the Canker and Ruine of many Mens Estates; Which in proceffe of Time breeds a Publike Pouertie.

On the other side, the *Commodities* of *Vsfury* are. First, that howsoever *Vsfury* in some respect hindereth Merchandizing, yet in some other it aduanceth it: For it is certain, that the Greatest Part of Trade, is driuen by Young Merchants, vpon Borrowing at Interest: So as if the *Vsfurer*, either call in, or keepe backe his Money, there will ensue presently a great Stand²⁴ of Trade. The Second is, That were it not, for this easie borrowing vpon *Interest*, Mens necessities would draw vpon them, a most sudden vndoing; In that they would be forced to sell their Meanes (be it Lands or Goods) farre vnder Foot;²⁵ and so, whereas *Vsfury* doth but Gnaw vpon them, Bad Markets²⁶ would Swallow them quite vp. As for Mortgaging,²⁷ or Pawning, it will little mend the matter; For either Men will not take Pawnes without *Vse*; Or if they doe, they will looke precisely for the Forfeiture.²⁸ I remember a Cruell Moneyed Man, in the Country, that would say; The Deuill take this *Vsfury*, it keepes vs from Forfeitures, of Mortgages, and Bonds. The third and Last is; That it is a Vanitie to conceiue, that there would be Ordinary Borrowing without Profit;

²³ Purchasing. *Prædiorum Coemptiones*, 'purchasing farms.'

²⁴ Stand. *Clades*, 'destruction.'

²⁵ Farre vnder Foot. *Nimis vili pretio*, 'at too low a price.'

²⁶ Bad Markets. *Distractioes*, 'selling piecemeal.'

²⁷ Mortgaging. *Ea quæ a Jureconsultis appellantur Mortua vadia*, 'what are called by lawyers mortgages.'

²⁸ Forfeiture. *Solutione ad diem minime præstita, summo jure agent*, 'if payment is not made at the day, they will act according to the extremity of the law.'

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And it is impossible to conceive, the Number of Inconveniences, that will ensue, if Borrowing be Cramped. Therefore, to speake of the Abolishing of *Vfury* is Idle. All States haue euer had²⁹ it, in one Kinde or Rate, or other. So as that Opinion must be sent to *Vtopia*.

To speake now, of the *Reformation* and *Reiglement* of *Vfury*; How the *Discommodities* of it may be best auoided, and the *Commodities* retained. It appears by the Ballance, of *Commodities*, and *Discommodities* of *Vfury*, Two Things are to be Reconciled. The one, that the *Tooth* of *Vfurie* be grinded, that it bite not too much: The other, that there bee left open a Meanes, to inuite Moneyed Men, to lend to the Merchants, for the Continuing and Quickning³⁰ of Trade. This cannot be done, except you introduce, two feuerall *Sorts* of *Vfury*; A *Lesse*, and a *Greater*. For if you reduce *Vfury*, to one Low Rate, it will ease the common³¹ Borrower, but the Merchant will be to seeke for Money. And it is to be noted, that the Trade of Merchandize, being the most Lucratiue, may beare *Vfury* at a good Rate; Other Contracts not so.

To serue both Intentions, the way would be briefly thus. That there be *Two Rates* of *Vfury*, The one Free, and Generall³² for All; The other vnder *Licence* only, to *Certaine Persons*, and in *Certaine Places* of *Merchandizing*.³³ First therefore, let *Vfury*, in generall, be reduced to *Fiue in the Hundred*;³⁴ And let that Rate be proclaimed to be Free and Current;³⁵ And let the

²⁹ Had. *Tolerarunt*, 'have tolerated.'

³⁰ Continuing and Quickning. *Ne commercium intercidat aut languescat*, 'that trade may not be interrupted or grow slack.'

³¹ Common. Omitted in the Latin.

³² Free, and Generall. *Permittatur*, 'be permitted.'

³³ Certaine Places of Merchandizing. *Reipublicæ locis, ubi Mercatura feruet*, 'places of the State, where commerce is brisk.'

³⁴ Fiue in the Hundred. *Partem vicesimam . . . in Annum*, 'the twentieth part for a year.'

³⁵ Free and Current. *Libera omnibus*, 'free to all.'

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State³⁶ shut it selfe out, to take any Penalty for the same.³⁷ This will preferue Borrowing from any generall Stop or Drinesse.³⁸ This will ease infinite Borrowers in the Countrey. This will, in good Part, raise the Price of Land, because Land purchased at Sixteene yeares Purchase, wil yeeld Six in the Hundred, and somewhat more, whereas this Rate of Interest, Yeelds but Fiue.³⁹ This, by like reason, will Encourage and edge, Industrious and Profitable Improvements;⁴⁰ Because Many will rather venture in that kinde, then take Fiue in the Hundred,⁴¹ especially hauing beene vsed to greater Profit. Secondly, let there be *Certaine Persons licensed to Lend, to knowne Merchants*,⁴² vpon *Vjury* at a *Higher Rate*; and let it be with the Cautions following. Let the Rate be, euen with the Merchant himselfe,⁴³ somewhat more easie, then that he vsed formerly to pay: For, by that Meanes, all Borrowers⁴⁴ shall haue some ease, by this Reformation, be he Merchant, or whosoever. Let it be no Banke or Common Stocke, but euery Man be Master of his owne Money: Not that I altogether Mislike Banks, but they will hardly be brooked, in regard of certain suspitions.⁴⁵

³⁶ State. *Princeps sive Respublica*, 'prince or state.'

³⁷ Shut it selfe . . . same. *Mulctæ omni renunciæt*, 'renounce all fines.'

³⁸ Drinesse. *Difficultate majore*, 'greater difficulty.'

³⁹ Because Land . . . but Fiue. *Quandoquidem annuus Valor prædiorum, hic apud Nos in Angliâ, excedet illam Fœnoris, ad hanc Proportionem redacti; Quantum annuus Valor sex Librarum, excedit illum quinque tantum*, 'since the yearly value of land, with us here in England, will exceed that of interest, reduced to this rate: as the yearly value of £6 exceeds that of £5.'

⁴⁰ Industrious and Profitable Improvements. *Industrias Hominum, ad utilia et lucrosa Inuenta*, 'the industries of men to useful and profitable inventions.'

⁴¹ Fiue in the Hundred. *Lucro tam exili, quale diximus, ex Vsuris*, 'such a small profit, as we have said, from usury.'

⁴² After Knowne Merchants. *Et non aliis quibuscunque Hominibus*, 'and to no other men.'

⁴³ Euen with the Merchant himselfe. Omitted in the Latin.

⁴⁴ Borrowers. Omitted in the Latin.

⁴⁵ Let it be no Banke . . . certain suspitions. Omitted in the Latin.

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Let the State⁴⁶ be answered, some small Matter, for the Licence, and the rest⁴⁷ left to the Lender: For if the Abatement be but small,⁴⁸ it will no whit discourage the Lender. For he, for Example, that tooke⁴⁹ before Ten or Nine in the Hundred, wil sooner descend to Eight in the Hundred, then giue ouer his Trade of *Vfury*; And goe from Certaine Gaincs, to Gaincs of Hazard.⁵⁰ Let these Licensed Lenders be in Number Indefinite, but restrained to Certaine Principall Cities and Townes of Merchandizing: For then they will be hardly able, to Colour other Mens Moneyes,⁵¹ in the Country: So as the *Licence of Nine*,⁵² will not sucke away the current *Rate of Fiue*: For no Man will send his Moneyes farre off, nor put them into Vnknown Hands.

If it be Obiected, that this doth, in a Sort, Authorize *Vfury*, which before was, in some places, but Permissiue: The Answer is; That it is better, to Mitigate *Vfury* by *Declaration*, then to suffer it to Rage by *Connuience*.⁵³



⁴⁶ State. *Princeps sive Respublica*, 'prince or state.'

⁴⁷ The rest. *Reliquum Lucri*, 'the rest of the profit.'

⁴⁸ Abatement be but small. *Lucrum Fœneratoris leviter tantum minuitur*, 'the gain of the lender be only slightly lessened.'

⁴⁹ Tooke. *Quotannis accipere solebat*, 'was wont to take yearly.'

⁵⁰ Goe from Certaine Gaincs, to Gaincs of Hazard. *Certa cum Incertis commutabit*, 'change certainties for uncertainties.'

⁵¹ Colour other Mens Moneyes. *Prætextu Licentiarum, Opportunitatem non habebunt, Pecunias aliorum pro suis commodandi*, 'will not have opportunity, under the pretext of their licence, of lending other men's money as their own.'

⁵² Nine. *Novem aut octo Librarum Proportio, Licentia munita*, 'the rate of £9 or £8 fortified by a licence.'

⁵³ If it be Obiected . . . Connuience. Omitted in the Latin.

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45. Of Building.¹

*H*ouses are built to Live in, and not to Looke on: Therefore let Use be preferred before Vniformitie;² Except where both may be had. Leaue the Goodly Fabrickes of Houses, for Beautie only,³ to the *Enchanted Pallaces* of the *Poets*: Who build them with small Cost. Hee that builds a faire *House*, vpon an *ill Seat*, commiteth Himselfe to Prison. Neither doe I reckon it an *ill Seat*, only, where the Aire is Vnwholsome; But likewise where the Aire is vnequall; As you shall see many fine *Seats*,⁴ set vpon a knap of Ground, Enuironed⁵ with Higher Hilles round about it: whereby the Heat of the Sunne is pent in, and the Wind gathereth⁶ as in Troughes; So as you shall haue as great Diuerfitie of Heat and Cold, as if you Dwelt in feuerall Places. Neither is it *ill Aire* onely, that maketh an *ill Seat*, but Ill wayes,⁷ Ill Markets; And, if you will consult with *Momus*, Ill Neighbours. I speake not of many More: Want of Water; Want of Wood, Shade, and Shelter;⁸ Want of Fruitfulnesse, and mixture of Grounds of feuerall Natures; Want of Prospeect; Want of Leuell⁹ Grounds; Want of Places, at some neare Distance, for Sports of Hunting, Hauking, and Races; Too neare the Sea, too remote; Having the Commo-

VI. Variations in posthumous Latin Edition of 1638.

¹ TITLE. *De Edificiis*, 'of buildings.'

² Vniformitie. *Pulchritudini*, 'beauty.'

³ For Beautie only. *Quæ Admirationem incutiunt*, 'which strike us with admiration.'

⁴ Fine Seats. *Ædes*, 'house.'

⁵ Enuironed. *Cincto undique, more Theatri*, 'girt on all sides like a theatre.'

⁶ Gathereth. *Variis æstibus reciprocantur*, 'are moved backwards and forwards in various tides.'

⁷ Wayes. *Viarum et Adituum Incommoditas*, 'inconvenience of roads and approaches.'

⁸ Shelter. *Focum*, 'fuel.'

⁹ Leuell. *Planæ et æquabilis*, 'level and even.'

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ditie¹⁰ of Nauigable Riuers, or the discommoditie of their Ouerflowing; Too farre off from great Cities, which may hinder Businesse; Or too neare them, which Lurcheth all Prouisions, and maketh euery Thing deare; Where a Man hath a great Liuing laid together,¹¹ and where he is scanted:¹² All which, as it is impossible, perhaps, to finde together, so it is good to know them, and thinke of them, that a Man may take as many as he can:¹³ And if he haue seuerall Dwellings,¹⁴ that he fort them so, that whathee wanteth in the One, hee may finde in the Other. *Lucullus* answered *Pompey* well; Who when hee saw his Stately Galleries, and Roomes, so Large and Lightsome, in one of his Houses, said; Surely, an excellent Place for Summer, but how doe you in Winter? *Lucullus* answered: Why, doe you not think me as Wise, as some Fowle are, that euer change their Aboad towards the Winter?

¶ To passe from the *Seat*, to the *House* it selfe; We will doe as *Cicero* doth, in the Oratours Art; Who writes Bookes *De Oratore*, and a Booke entitled *Orator*: Whereof the Former deliuers the Precepts of the Art; And the Latter the Perfection. We will therefore describe a Princely Pallace, making a brieffe Modell thereof. For it is strange to see, now in Europe, such Huge Buildings, as the Vatican, and Escuriall, and some Others be, and yet scarce a very Faire Roome in them.

First therefore, I say, you cannot haue a Perfect

¹⁰ Hauing the Commodity. *Nulla commoditas*, 'no commodity.'

¹¹ Great Liuing laid together. *Latifundia ampla possideat, aut acquirere possit*, 'possesses or can acquire large estates.'

¹² Scanted. *Pennis extendere nequeat*, 'cannot extend his wings.'

¹³ All which, as it is impossible . . . many as he can. *Quæ singula minime eo animo enumeramus, acsi Domus aliqua his Incommodis omnibus vacare possit, verum ut tot ex illis euitemus, quot evitari concedatur*, 'which we have not enumerated, as if any house could be without all these disadvantages, but that we should avoid as many of them as possible.'

¹⁴ Haue seuerall Dwellings. *Domos plures adificet*, 'build several houses'

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Pallace, except you haue two feuerall Sides; A Side for the *Banquet*, as is spoken of in the Booke of *Hester*; And a Side; for the *Houſhold*:¹⁵ The One for Feaſts¹⁶ and Triumphs, and the Other for Dwelling. I vnderſtand both theſe Sides, to be not onely Returnes,¹⁷ but Parts of the *Front*; And to be vni-forme without, though feuerally Partitioned¹⁸ within; And to be on both Sides, of a Great and *Stately Tower*, in the Middeſt of the *Front*; That as it were, ioyneth them together, on either Hand. I would haue on the Side of the *Banquet*, in Front, one only *Goodly Roome*, aboue Staires, of ſome Fortie¹⁹ Foot high; And vnder it, a Roome,²⁰ for a *Dreſſing* or *Preparing Place*, at Times of Triumphs.²¹ On the other Side, which is the *Houſhold* Side, I wiſh it diuided at the firſt, into a *Hall*, and a *Chappell*, (with a Partition betweene;)²² Both of good State, and Bigneſſe: And thoſe not to goe all the length, but to haue, at the further end, a *Winter*, and a *Summer Parler*, both Faire.²³ And vnder theſe Roomes,²⁴ A Faire and Large *Cellar*,²⁵ funcke vnder Ground: And likewiſe,²⁶ ſome *Prinie Kitchins*, with *Butteries*, and *Pantries*, and the like. As for the *Tower*, I would haue it two Stories, of Eighteene²⁷ Foot High a peece, aboue the two Wings;

¹⁵ Houſhold. *Mansionis ſivæ Familia*, 'dwelling or houſehold.'

¹⁶ Feaſts. *Magnificentias et Celebritates*, 'ſplendours and celebrations.'

¹⁷ Returnes. *Latera Domus*, 'ſides of the houſe.'

¹⁸ Seuerally Partitioned. *Longe diverſas*, 'far different.'

¹⁹ Fortie. *Quinquaginta pedes ad minus*, 'fifty feet at leaſt.'

²⁰ A Roome. *Cameram item alteram, ſimilis longitudinis et latitudinis*, 'another room of the ſame length and width.'

²¹ Times of Triumphs. *Festa, Ludos, et ejusmodi Magnificentias; Actores etiam dum ſe ornent et porent, commode recipiat*, 'feaſts, plays, and ſuch magnificences, and to receive conveniently the actors while dreſſing and preparing.'

²² (With a Partition betweene;) Omitted in the Latin.

²³ Both Faire. Omitted in the Latin.

²⁴ After Vnder theſe Roomes. *Excepto Sacello*, 'except the chapel.'

²⁵ Faire and Large Cellar. *Amplas Cellas*, 'large cellars.'

²⁶ And likewiſe. *Quæ inſerviant*, 'which may ſerve for.'

²⁷ Eighteene. *Quindecim*, 'fifteen.'

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And a Goodly²⁸ *Leads* vpon the Top, railed with²⁹ Statua's interposed; And the same *Tower* to bee diuided into Roomes, as shall be thought fit.³⁰ The Staires likewise, to the vpper Roomes, let them bee vpon a Faire open *Newell*,³¹ and finely raild in, with *Images* of *Wood*, cast into a *Brasse*³² Colour: And a very faire³³ *Landing Place* at the Top. But this is to be, if you doe not point, any of the lower Roomes, for a Dining Place of Seruants. For otherwise,³⁴ you shall haue the Seruants Dinner, after your owne: For the Steame of it will come vp as in a Tunnell. And so much for the *Front*. Only, I vnderstand the Height of the first Staires, to be Sixteene³⁵ Foot, which is the Height of the Lower Roome.

Beyond this *Front*, is there to be a Faire³⁶ *Court*, but three Sides of it, of a Farre Lower building, then the *Front*. And in all the foure Corners of that Court, Faire Staire Cafes,³⁷ cast into *Turrets*, on the Outside, and not within the Row of *Buildings* themselues. But those *Towers*, are not to be of the Height of the *Front*; But rather Proportionable to the Lower *Building*. Let the *Court* not be paued,³⁸ for that striketh vp a great Heat in Summer, and much Cold in Winter.

²⁸ Goodly. *Æquabili*, 'even.'

²⁹ Railed with. *Per fulcra Laterum*, 'by the rails of the sides.'

³⁰ As shall be thought fit. Omitted in the Latin.

³¹ A Faire open Newell. *Apertos esse, et in se revertentes, et per Senos subinde diuisos*, 'open, turning back, and divided into sixes.'

³² Brasse. *Inauratis, vel saltem aenei coloris*, 'gilded, or at least of a brass colour.'

³³ Very faire. *Spatiosa et lata*, 'roomy and wide.'

³⁴ For otherwise . . . your owne. Omitted in the Latin.

³⁵ Sixteene. *Viginti*, 'twenty.'

³⁶ Faire. *Spatiosam*, 'roomy.'

³⁷ Faire Staire . . . Building. *Turres extruantur, Altitudinem Laterum Prædictorum nonnihil superantes, ad Gradus, quibus in superiora ascendatur, capiendos: Quæ Turres non recipiantur in Planam Edificii; Sed extra prominent*, 'towers should be built, not exceeding the height of the said sides, to hold staircases to ascend to the upper rooms; which towers must not be received into the level of the building but stand beyond it.'

³⁸ Paued. *Lapidibus latis quadrangulis substernatur*, 'be paved with broad square stones.'

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But onely some Side Alleys,³⁹ with a Croffe, and the Quarters to Graze, being kept Shorne, but not too neare Shorne. The Row of Returne,⁴⁰ on the Banquet Side, Let it be all Stately⁴¹ Galleries; In which Galleries, Let there be⁴² three, or five, fine Cupola's, in the Length of it, placed at equall distance: And fine Coloured Windowes of feuerall workes.⁴³ On the Household Side,⁴⁴ Chambers of Prefence, and Ordinary Entertainments, with some Bed-chambers; And let all three Sides, be a double House, without Thorow Lights, on the Sides,⁴⁵ that you may haue Roomes from the Sunne,⁴⁶ both for Fore-noone, and After-noone. Cast it also, that you may haue Roomes,⁴⁷ both for Summer, and Winter: Shadie for Summer, and Warme⁴⁸ for Winter. You shall haue sometimes Faire Houses, so full of Glasse,⁴⁹ that one cannot tell, where to become, to be out of the Sunne, or Cold: For Inbowed⁵⁰ Windowes, I hold them of good Vse; (In Cities indeed, Vpright⁵¹ doe better, in respect of the Vniformitie towards the Street;) For they bee Prettie Retiring Places for Conference; And besides, they keepe both the Wind, and Sunne off: For that

³⁹ Alleys. *Ambulacra, ex ejusmodi Lapidibus*, 'walks of this kind of stone.'

⁴⁰ The Row of Returne. *Latus universum Area*, 'the whole side of the court.'

⁴¹ Stately. *Spatiosæ et speciosæ*, 'roomy and fair.'

⁴² Let there be. *Sint in Laquearibus*, 'let there be in the ceilings.'

⁴³ Of seuerall workes. *Ubi pingantur Columnæ, Imagines omnigenæ, Flores, et similia*, 'where columns, images of all kinds, flowers and the like are painted.'

⁴⁴ After Household Side. *Simul cum Latere tertio e regione Frontis*, 'together with the third side towards the front.'

⁴⁵ Without Thorow Lights, on the Sides. *Non translucida, sed ex altera tantum parte fenestrata*, 'without through lights, but windowed only on one side.'

⁴⁶ From the Sunne. *In quas Sol non intret*, 'in which the sun may not enter.'

⁴⁷ Roomes. *Cubicula et Camerae*, 'bedrooms and chambers.'

⁴⁸ Warne. *Ad frigus arcendum*, 'to keep out the cold.'

⁴⁹ Glasse. *Vitro et Fenestris*, 'glass and windows.'

⁵⁰ Inbowed. *Prominentes sive arcuatas*, 'projecting or embowed.'

⁵¹ Vpright. *Ad Planum Edificii, et minime protuberantes*, 'in the plane of the buildings and not projecting.'

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which would strike almost thorow the Roome, doth scarce passe the *Window*. But let them be but few, Foure in the *Court*, On the Sides onely.⁵²

Beyond this *Court*, let there be an *Inward Court* of the same Square, and Height; Which is to be enuironed, with the *Garden*, on all Sides: And in the Inside, Cloistered on all Sides, vpon Decent and Beautifull Arches, as High as the first Story. On the *Vnder Story*,⁵³ towards the *Garden*, Let it be turned⁵⁴ to a *Grotta*,⁵⁵ or Place of Shade, or Estiuation. And onely haue opening and *Windows* towards the *Garden*; And be Leuell vpon the Floare, no whit sunke vnder Ground, to auoid all Dampishnesse.⁵⁶ And let there be a *Fountaine*,⁵⁷ or some faire *Worke of Statues*, in the Middest of this *Court*; And to be Paued as the other Court was. These Buildings to be for *Prinlie Lodgings*,⁵⁸ on both Sides; And the End,⁵⁹ for *Prinlie Galleries*. Whereof, you must fore-see, that one of them,⁶⁰ be for an *Infirmery*, if the Prince, or any Speciall Person should be Sicke, with *Chambers*,⁶¹ *Bed-chamber*, *Anticamera*, and *Recamera*, ioyning to it. This vpon the Second Story. Vpon the *Ground*

⁵² On the Sides onely. *Duæ scilicet, ex utroque Latere Area*, 'two, that is, on each side of the court.'

⁵³ Vnder Story. *Pars autem exterior Solarii inferioris*, 'the external part of the lower story.'

⁵⁴ Turned. *Quatenus ad duo Latera, convertatur*, 'turned, as to two sides.'

⁵⁵ Grotta. *Specum sive Cavernam*, (*grottam Moderni vocant*), 'cave or cavern (grotto, the moderns call it).'

⁵⁶ To auoid all Dampishnesse. *Et eleganti Pavimento strata, ad Terræ Vapores excludendos*, 'and paved with a fair pavement to keep off the vapours of the earth.'

⁵⁷ Fountaine. *Fons splendidus*, 'splendid fountain.'

⁵⁸ Lodgings. *Cameris, et Conclavibus*, 'chambers and closets.'

⁵⁹ End. *Latus transversum*, 'cross side.'

⁶⁰ One of them. *Aliquæ, tam ex Cameris et Conclavibus, quam ex Porticibus*, 'some, as well of the chambers and closets, as of the galleries.'

⁶¹ With Chambers. *Habeant autem Portiones singulæ ægris destinatæ (ut moderni loquuntur)*, 'let also each portion, intended for the sick, have what the moderns call.'

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Story,⁶² a Faire Gallery, Open, vpon Pillars: And vpon the Third Story⁶³ likewise, an Open Gallery vpon Pillars, to take the Prospect, and Freshneffe of the Garden. At both Corners of the further Side, by way of Returne,⁶⁴ Let there be⁶⁵ two Delicate or Rich Cabinets,⁶⁶ Daintily Paued, Richly Hanged, Glased with Crystalline Glasse, and a Rich Cupola in the Middlest; And all other Elegancie that may be thought vpon.⁶⁷ In the Vpper Gallery too, I wish that there may be, if the Place will yeeld it, some Fountaines⁶⁸ Running, in diuers Places, from the Wall, with some fine Auoidances.⁶⁹ ⁷⁰ And thus much, for the Modell of the Pallace:⁷¹ Saue that, you must haue, before you come to the Front, three Courts. A Greene⁷² Court Plain, with a Wall about it: A Second Court⁷³ of the same,⁷⁴ but more Garnished, with Little Turrets, or rather Embellishments, vpon the Wall: And a Third

⁶² Vpon the Ground Story. *At Latus transversum Solarii inferioris, versus Hortum convertatur in Porticum*, 'but let the transverse side of the ground story towards the garden be converted into a gallery.'

⁶³ Third Story. *Supra Solarium tertium, ex omnibus tribus Lateribus*, 'on the third story on all three sides.'

⁶⁴ By way of Returne. *In Solario secundo*, 'on the second story.'

⁶⁵ Let there be. *Accommodentur et ornentur*, 'let there be fitted and furnished.'

⁶⁶ Cabinets. *Conclavia* (*Cabinettos Moderni vocant*); 'closets (the moderns call them cabinets).'

⁶⁷ And all other Elegancie that may be thought vpon. *Sint autem Conclavia illa, Rebus curiosis omnigenis, et spectatu dignis, referta*, 'let those closets be filled with curious things of all kinds worth looking at.'

⁶⁸ Fountaines. *Fonticulos quosdam aquam emittentes*, 'some fountains discharging water.'

⁶⁹ With some fine Auoidances. *Qui per secretos Tubos iterum transeant*, 'which may cross again by secret tubes.'

⁷⁰ After Auoidances. *Interior autem pars, in Solario superiore, versus Aream, formetur in Porticus et Ambulacra, bene munita et obducta, ad usum Convalescentium*, 'let the inner part, in the upper story, towards the area, be formed into galleries and walls, well walled and covered, for the use of convalescents.'

⁷¹ After Of the Pallace. *Nam de Balneis, et Piscinis non, loquor*, 'for I say nothing of the baths and ponds.'

⁷² Greene. *Viridis, gramine vestita*, 'green, clothed with grass.'

⁷³ Second Court. *Et juxta Parietem Arboribus, ordine positis, sata Area altera*, 'and another area with trees planted in order near the wall.'

⁷⁴ Of the same. *Ejusdem amplitudinis*, 'of the same size.'

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Court, to make a Square with the *Front*, but not to be built,⁷⁵ nor yet enclosed with a Naked Wall, but enclosed with *Tarrafes*, Leaded⁷⁶ aloft, and fairely garnished,⁷⁷ on the three Sides ; And Cloistered on the Inside, with Pillars, and not with Arches Below. As for *Offices*,⁷⁸ let them stand at Distance,⁷⁹ with some *Low*⁸⁰ *Galleries*, to passe from them, to the *Pallace* it Selfe.



⁷⁵ Built. *Ædificio aliquo circumdatam*, 'surrounded with a building.'

⁷⁶ Leaded. *Plumbo, vel Lapide Quadrato, coopertis*, 'covered with lead or square stones.'

⁷⁷ Garnished. *Elegantibus Statuis parvis, ænei Coloris, munitis*, 'garnished with fair small statues of a brazen colour.'

⁷⁸ Offices. *Ad Ædificia omnia, quæ usibus familiaribus inserviunt*, 'all the buildings which serve for household purposes.'

⁷⁹ Distance. *Distantiam, a Palatio ipso*, 'distance from the palace itself.'

⁸⁰ Low. *Humiliores et obtectæ*, 'low and concealed.'

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46. Of Gardens.



OD Almighty¹ first Planted a Garden. And indeed, it is the Purest of Humane pleasure. It is the Greatest Refreshment² to the Spirits of Man; Without which *Buildings* and *Pallaces* are but Groffe³ Handy-works: And a Man shall euer see, that when Ages grow to Ciuility and Elegancie, Men come to *Build Statelily*, sooner then to *Garden Finely*:⁴ As if *Gardening*⁵ were the Greater Perfection. I doe hold it, in the Royall Ordering of⁶ *Gardens*, there ought to be *Gardens*, for all the *Moneths* in the Yeare: In which, feuerally, Things of Beautie, may be then in Season.⁷ For *December*, and *Ianuary*, and the Latter Part of *November*, you must take such Things, as are Greene all Winter: Holly; Iuy; Bayes; Iuniper; Cipresse Trees; Eugh;⁸ Pine-Apple-Trees; Firre-Trees; Rose-Mary; Lauander; Periwinkle, the White, the Purple, and the Blene;⁹ Germander; Flagges;¹⁰ Orenge-Trees; Limon-Trees; And Mirtles, if they be stirred;¹¹ And Sweet Marioram warme set.¹² There followeth, for the latter Part of *Ianuary*, and *February*, the Mezerion¹³

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- ¹ God Almighty. *Deus ipse*, 'God himself.'
- ² Is the greatest Refreshment. *Reficit et oblectat*, 'restores and delights.'
- ³ Grosse. *Nec sapiunt Naturam*, 'and have no savour of nature.'
- ⁴ Garden Finely. *Ad Hortorum Elegantiam et Amœnitatem*, 'to elegance and pleasantness of gardens.'
- ⁵ Gardening. *Elegantia illa Hortorum*, 'that elegance of gardens.'
- ⁶ Ordering of. Omitted in the Latin.
- ⁷ Things of Beautie, may be then in Season. *Plantæ, quæ illo Mense florent et vigent, producantur*, 'plants, which flourish and bloom in that month, may be grown.'
- ⁸ After Eugh. *Buxus*, 'box.'
- ⁹ Blene. [A misprint for blue.] *Cæruleo*, 'blue.'
- ¹⁰ Flagges. *Irides quoad Folia*, 'flags for the leaves.'
- ¹¹ If they be stirred. *Si Calidariis conseruentur*, 'if they be stoved.'
- ¹² Warme set. *Juxta Parietem et versus Solem satus*, 'set near the wall and towards the sun.'
- ¹³ Mezerion. *Arbustum Chamæleæ Germanicæ, sive Mezereontis*. [John Gerard, M.D., in his *Herball*, p. 1216. Ed. 1597, fol. calls this "The Spurge Flaxe, or the Dwarfie Bay. . . . Which the Dutch men call *Mezereon*, is a small shrub about two cubits high."]

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Tree, which then blossomes; Crocus Vernus, both the Yellow, and the Gray; Prime-Roses; Anemonies; The Early Tulippa; Hiacyntus Orientalis; Camairis; Frettellaria. For *March*, There come Violets, specially the Single Blew, which are the Earliest; The Yellow Daffadill; The Dazie; The Almond-Tree in Blossome; The Peach-Tree in Blossome; The Cornelian-Tree in Blossome; Sweet-Briar. In *April* follow, The Double white Violet; The Wall-flower;¹⁴ The Stock-Gilly-Flower;¹⁵ The Couflip, Flower-De-lices, and Lillies of Natures; Rose-mary Flowers; The Tulippa; The Double Piony; The Pale¹⁶ Daffadill; The French¹⁷ Honny-Suckle; The Cherry-Tree in Blossome; The Dammasin, and Plum¹⁸-Trees in Blossome; The White-Thorne¹⁹ in Lease; The Lelacké-Tree. In *May*, and *June*, come Pincks of all sorts, Specially the Blush Pincke; Roses of all kinds, except the Muske, which comes later; Hony-Suckles; Strawberries; Buglosse; Columbine; The French Mary-gold;²⁰ Flos Africanus;²¹ Cherry-Tree in Fruit; Ribes; Figges in Fruit; Raspes; Vine Flowers; Lauender in Flowers; The Sweet Satoryian, with the White Flower; Herba Muscaria; Liliun Conuallium; The Apple-tree in Blossome.²² In *July*, come Gilly-Flowers of all Varieties; Muske Roses; The Lime-Tree in blossome; Early Peares, and Plummes in Fruit;²³ Ginnittings; Quadlins.²⁴ In *August*, come Plummes of all sorts in Fruit,²⁵ Peares; Apricockes; Berberies; Filberds; Muske-Melons;

¹⁴ Wall-flower. *Parietaria lutea*, 'yellow wallflower.'

¹⁵ Stock-Gilly-Flower. *Leucoium*, 'white violet.'

¹⁶ Pale. *Verus*, 'true.'

¹⁷ French. *Sabaudicum*, 'of Savoy.'

¹⁸ Plum. *Prunus diversi generis*, 'plums of various kinds.'

¹⁹ White-Thorne. *Acanthus*.

²⁰ French Mary-Gold. Omitted in the Latin.

²¹ After Flos Africanus. *Simplex, et multiplex*, 'single and double.'

²² After Apple-tree in Blossome. *Flos Cyaneus*, 'corn-flower.'

²³ In Fruit. Omitted in the Latin.

²⁴ Ginnittings; Quadlins. *Poma*, 'apples.'

²⁵ In Fruit. Omitted in the Latin.

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Monks Hoods,²⁶ of all colours. In *September*, come Grapes; Apples; Poppies of all colours; Peaches; Melo-Cotones; Nectarines; Cornelians; Wardens; Quinces. In *October*, and the beginning of *November*, come Seruices; Medlars; Bullifes; Rofes Cut or Remoued to come late;²⁷ Hollyokes;²⁸ and fuch like. These Particulars are for the *Climate* of *London*; But my meaning is Perceiued, that you may haue *Ver Perpetuum*,^a as the Place affords.

And becaufe, the *Breath* of Flowers, is farre Sweeter in the Aire, (where it comes and Goes, like the Warbling of Mufick) then in the hand,²⁹ therefore nothing is more fit for that delight,³⁰ then to know, what be the *Flowers*, and *Plants*,³¹ that doe best perfume the Aire.³² Rofes Damask and Red,³³ are fast Flowers of their Smels;³⁴ So that; you may walke by a whole Row of them, and finde Nothing of their Sweetnesse; Yea though it be, in a Mornings Dew. Bayes likewise yeeld no Smell,³⁵ as they grow. Rosemary little; Nor Sweet-Marioram That, which aboue all Others, yeelds the *Sweetest Smell* in the *Aire*, is the Violet; Specially the White-double-Violet, which comes³⁶ twice a Yeare; About the middle of *Aprill*, and about *Bartholomew-tide*.³⁷ Next to that is, the Muske-Rofe. Then the

^a A perpetual spring.

²⁶ Monks Hoods. *Delphinium, sive Consolida Regalis*, 'wolf's bane.'

²⁷ Cut or Remoued to come late. *Seræ*, 'late.'

²⁸ Hollyokes. *Malvæ arborescentes flore Roseo*, 'hollyoaks with rose-coloured flowers.'

²⁹ In the hand. *Eos decerpas manu*, 'you pluck them with your hand.'

³⁰ Delight. *Delectationem illam, quæ ex Odore Florum percipitur*, 'that delight which is received from the scent of flowers.'

³¹ Plants. *Plantas, quæ adhuc crescentes, nec avulsæ*, 'plants which are still growing and not plucked.'

³² Perfume. *Maxime emittunt Auras suaves, et Aerem Odore perfundunt*, 'mostly emit sweet breath and perfume the air.'

³³ After Red. *Dum crescunt*, 'while they grow.'

³⁴ After Smels. *Nec Aerem tingunt*, 'and do not affect the air.'

³⁵ No Smell. *Odoris parum*, 'little smell.'

³⁶ Comes. *Floret*, 'flowers.'

³⁷ Bartholomew-tide. *Finem Augusti*, 'end of August.'

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Strawberry Leaues dying, which [yeeld] a most Excellent Cordiall Smell Then the Flower of the Vines; It is a little dust, like the dust of a Bent,³⁸ which growes vpon the Cluster, in the First comming forth. Then Sweet Briar. Then Wall-Flowers, which are very Delightfull, to be set vnder a Parler, or Lower Chamber Window. Then Pincks, specially the Matted Pinck, and Cloue Gilly-flower.³⁹ Then the Flowers of the Lime Tree. Then the Honny-Suckles, so they be somewhat a farre off.⁴⁰ Of Beane Flowers I speake not, because they are Field Flowers. But those which *Perfume* the Aire most delightfully, not *passed by* as the rest,⁴¹ but being *Troden vpon* and *Crushed*, are Three: That is Burnet, Wilde-Time, and Water-Mints. Therefore, you are to set whole Allies of them, to haue the Pleasure, when you walke or tread.⁴²

For *Gardens*, (Speaking of those, which are indeed *Prince-like*, as we haue done of *Buildings*) the Contents, ought not well to be, vnder *Thirty Acres of Ground*; And to be diuided into three Parts: A *Greene* in the Entrance; A *Heath*⁴³ or *Desart* in the Going forth; And the *Garden* in the middest; Besides *Alleys*, on both Sides. And I like well, that Foure Acres of Ground, be assigned to the *Greene*; Six to the *Heath*; Foure and Foure to either *Side*;⁴⁴ And Twelue to the *Maine Garden*. The *Greene* hath two pleasures; The one, because nothing is more Pleasant to the Eye, then *Greene Grasse* kept finely shorne; The other, because it will giue you a faire Alley in the midst, by which you may go in front vpon a *Stately Hedge*, which is to

³⁸ Bent. *In caule Plantaginis*, 'on the stalk of a plantain.'

³⁹ Specially the Matted Pinck, and Cloue Gilly-flower. *Tam minores, quam maiores*, 'both small and large.'

⁴⁰ After A farre off. *Tum Flores Lavendulæ*, 'the lavender flowers.'

⁴¹ Not passed by as the rest. Omitted in the Latin.

⁴² Tread. *Vt Odorem eorum calcando exprimas*, 'that you may press out their smell by treading on them.'

⁴³ Heath. *Fruticetum*, 'thicket.'

⁴⁴ After to either Side. *Ad Ambulacra*, 'for walks planted with trees.'

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inclose the *Garden*. But, because the Alley will be long, and in great Heat of the Yeare, or Day, you ought not to buy the shade in the *Garden*, by Going in the Sunne thorow the *Greene*, therefore you are, of either *Side* the *Greene*, to Plant a *Couert Alley*, vpon Carpenters Worke, about Twelue Foot in Height, by which you may goe in Shade, into the *Garden*, As for the Making of *Knots*, or *Figures*, with *Diuers Coloured Earths*, that they may lie vnder the Windows of the House, on that Side, which the *Garden* stands, they be but Toyes: You may see as good Sights,⁴⁵ many times, in Tarts. The *Garden* is best to be Square; Incompassed, on all the Foure Sides, with a *Stately Arched Hedge*. The *Arches* to be vpon *Pillars*, of Carpenters Worke, of some Ten Foot high, and Six Foot broad: And the *Spaces* between, of the same Dimension, with the *Breadth* of the *Arch*. Ouer the *Arches*, let there bee an *Entire Hedge*, of some Foure Foot High, framed⁴⁶ also vpon Carpenters Worke: And vpon the *Vpper Hedge*, ouer euery *Arch*, a little *Turret*, with a *Belly*, enough to receiue a *Cage* of *Birds*: And ouer euery *Space*, betweene the *Arches*, some other little *Figure*,⁴⁷ with Broad Plates of *Round Coloured Glasse*, gilt,⁴⁸ for the *Sunne*, to Play vpon. But this *Hedge* I intend to be, raised vpon a *Bancke*, not Steepe, but gently Slope, of some Six Foot, set all with *Flowers*. Also I vnderstand, that this *Square* of the *Garden*, should not be the whole Breadth of the Ground, but to leaue, on either Side, Ground enough, for diuersity of *Side Alleys*: Vnto which, the Two *Couert Alleys* of the *Greene*, may deliuer you. But there must be, no *Alleys* with *Hedges*, at either *End*,

⁴⁵ As good Sights. *Talia*, 'such things.'

⁴⁶ Framed. Omitted in the Latin.

⁴⁷ Little Figure. *Figura inaurata*, 'gilt figures.'

⁴⁸ Gilt. Omitted in the Latin.

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of this great *Inclosure*.⁴⁹ Not at the *Hither End*,⁵⁰ for letting your Prospect vpon this Faire Hedge from the *Greene*; Nor at the *Further End*,⁵¹ for letting your Prospect from the Hedge,⁵² through the Arches, vpon the *Heath*.

For the Ordering of the Ground, within the *Great Hedge*,⁵³ I leaue it to Variety of Deuice; Aduising neuerthelesse, that whatsoeuer forme you cast it into, first it be not too Busie, or full of Worke. Wherein I, for my part, doe not like *Images Cut out in Iuniper*, or other *Garden stufte*: They be for Children. *Little low Hedges*, Round, like VVelts,⁵⁴ with some Pretty *Pyramides*, I like well: And in some Places, *Faire Columnnes*⁵⁵ vpon Frames of Carpenters VVorke.⁵⁶ I would also, haue the *Alleys*, Spacious and Faire. You may haue *Closer*⁵⁷ *Alleys* vpon the *Side Grounds*, but none in the *Maine Garden*.⁵⁸ I wish also, in the very Middle, a *Faire Mount*, with three Ascents, and Alleys, enough for foure to walke a breast; Which I would haue to be Perfect Circles, without any Bulwarkes,⁵⁹ or Imbosments;⁶⁰ And the *Whole Mount*, to be Thirty Foot high; And some fine *Banquetting House*, with some *Chimneys* neatly cast, and without too much *Glasse*.

For *Fountaines*, they are a great Beauty, and Refreshment; But *Pooles* marre all, and make the *Garden*

⁴⁹ Either end, of this great Inclosure. *Ad Introitum et Exitum Horti*, 'at the entrance and outlet of the garden.'

⁵⁰ Hither End. *Introitu*, 'entrance.'

⁵¹ Further End. *Exitu*, 'outlet.'

⁵² From the Hedge. Omitted in the Latin.

⁵³ Great Hedge. *Clastrum Sepis*, 'boundary of the hedge.'

⁵⁴ Welts. *Fimbriarum*, 'a fringe [or border].'

⁵⁵ Faire Columnnes. *Columnas etiam, et Pyramides altas*, 'high columns also and pyramids.'

⁵⁶ After Carpenters Worke. *In aliquibus locis sparsas, Sepibus vestitas*, 'set apart in places covered with hedges.'

⁵⁷ Closer. *Angustiora et obtectiora*, 'narrower and more concealed.'

⁵⁸ Maine Garden. *In Pomario Horti præcipui*, 'in the outside of the main garden.'

⁵⁹ Bulwarkes. *Figuris Propugnaculorum*, 'figures of bulwarks.'

⁶⁰ Imbosments. Omitted in the Latin.

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vnwholefome, and full of Flies, and Frogs. *Fountaines* I intend to be of two Natures: The One, that *Sprinkleth* or *Spouteth Water*; ⁶¹ The Other a *Faire Receipt of Water*, ⁶² of some Thirty or Forty Foot Square, but without Fish, or Slime, or Mud. For the first, the *Ornaments of Images Gilt*, or of *Marble*, which are in vse, doe well: But the maine Matter is so to Conuey the Water, as it neuer Stay, ⁶³ either in the Bowles, or in the Cesterne; That the Water be neuer by Rest *Discoloured*, *Greene*, or *Red*, or the like; Or gather any *Mossinesse* or *Putrefaction*. Besides that, it is to be cleansed euery day ⁶⁴ by the Hand. Also some *Steps* vp to it, and some *Fine Pauement* about it, doth well. As for the other Kinde of *Fountain*, which we may call a *Bathing Poole*, it may admit much Curiosity, and Beauty; wherewith we will not trouble our selues: As, that the Bottome be finely Paued, ⁶⁵ And with Images: The sides likewise; And withall Embellished with Coloured Glasse, and such Things of Lustre; Encompassed also, with fine Railes ⁶⁶ of Low Statua's. But the Maine Point, is the same, which we mentioned, in the former Kinde of *Fountain*; which is, that the *Water* be in *Perpetuall Motion*, Fed by a Water higher then the *Poole*, and Deliuered into it by faire Spouts, and then discharged away vnder Ground, by some Equalitie of Bores, that it stay little. And for fine Deuices, of Arching Water without Spilling, and Making it rise in feuerall Formes, (of Feathers, Drinking Glasses, Canopies, and the like, ⁶⁷)

⁶¹ After Spouteth Water. *Cum Crateribus suis*, 'with its basins.'

⁶² Water. *Aque pure*, 'pure water.'

⁶³ Neuer Stay. *Perpetuo fluat, Nec consistat*, 'flows continuously and does not stay.'

⁶⁴ Euery day. *Quotidie, ut maneat limpida*, 'every day, that it may remain clear.'

⁶⁵ Finely Paued. *Decoratum*, 'adorned with.'

⁶⁶ Fine Railes. *Clausura*, 'enclosure.'

⁶⁷ And the like. *Campanarum et similium; Etiam rupes artificiosas, et huiusmodi*, 'bells and the like; also, artificial rock and the like.'

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they be pretty things to looke on, but Nothing to Health and Sweetnesse.

For the *Heath*, which was the Third Part of our Plot, I wish it to be framed, as much as may be, to a *Naturall wildnesse*. *Trees* I would haue none in it;⁶⁸ But some *Thickets*, made onely of *Sweet-Briar*, and *Honny-suckle*, and some *Wilde Vine* amongst; And the Ground set with *Violets*, *Strawberries*, and *Prime-Roses*. For these are Sweet,⁶⁹ and prosper in the Shade. And these to be in the *Heath*, here and there, not in any Order.⁷⁰ I like also little *Heaps*, in the Nature of *Mole-hils*, (such as are in *Wilde Heaths*) to be set, some with *Wilde Thyme*; Some with *Pincks*; Some with *Germander*, that giues a good Flower to the Eye; Some with *Periwinckle*; Some with *Violets*; Some with *Strawberries*; Some with *Couflips*; Some with *Daisies*; Some with *Red-Roses*; Some with *Lilium Conuallium*; Some with *Sweet-Williams Red*; Some with *Beares-Foot*; And the like Low Flowers, being withal Sweet, and Sightly. Part of which *Heapes*, to be with *Standards*, of little *Bushes*,⁷¹ prickt vpon their Top, and Part without. The *Standards* to be *Roses*; *Iuniper*; *Holly*; *Beare-berries* (but here and there, because of the Smell of their Blossome;)⁷² *Red*

⁶⁸ After None in it. *Nisi quod in aliquibus locis, erigi præcipio Arborum series, quæ in Vertice Ambulacra contineant, Ramis Arborum cooperta, cum Fenestris. Subiaceat autem Pars Soli Floribus Odoris suavis abunde consita, qui Auras in superius exhalent; Alias Fruticetum apertum esse sine Arboribus velim,* 'except that in some places I should direct rows of trees to be planted, which may cover the paths with their top branches, leaving openings: a part, moreover, should be exposed to the sun, and plentifully planted with flowers of sweet odours, to exhale their breath above. Otherwise, I should have the heath open without trees.'

⁶⁹ Sweet. *Iucundum spirant Odorem,* 'breathe a pleasant smell.'

⁷⁰ And these are to be in the *Heath*, here and there, not in any Order. *Dumeta autem, et Ambulacra super Arbores, spargi volumus ad placitum, non ordine aliquo collocari,* 'thickets and the walks without the trees, I would have scattered according to pleasure, not placed in any order.'

⁷¹ Standards, of little Bushes. *Frutices,* 'shrubs.'

⁷² Smell of their Blossome. *Odoris gravitatem,* 'strength of their smell.'

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Currans ; Goose-berries ; Rose-Mary ; Bayes ; Sweet-Briar ; and such like. But these *Standards*, to be kept with Cutting, that they grow not out of Course.

For the *Side Grounds*, you are to fill them with *Varieties* of *Alleys*, Priuate, to giue a full Shade ; Some of them, wherefoeuer the Sun be. You are to frame some of them likewise for Shelter, that when the Wind blows Sharpe, you may walke, as in a Gallery. And those *Alleys* must be likewise hedged, at both Ends, to keepe out the Wind ; And these *Clofer Alleys*, must bee euer finely Grauelled, and no Grasse, because of Going wet. In many of these *Alleys* likewise, you are to set *Fruit-Trees* of all Sorts ; As well vpon the Walles, as in Ranges. And this would be generally obserued, that the *Borders*,⁷³ wherein you plant your *Fruit-Trees*, be Faire⁷⁴ and Large, and Low, and not Steepe ; And Set with *Fine Flowers*, but thin and sparingly,⁷⁵ lest they Deceiue⁷⁶ the *Trees*. At the End of both the *Side Grounds*, I would haue a *Mount* of some Pretty Height, leauing the Wall of the Enclosure, Breſt high, to looke abroad into the Fields.

For the *Maine Garden*, I doe not Deny, but there should be some Faire⁷⁷ *Alleys*, ranged on both Sides, with *Fruit Trees* ; And some Pretty *Tufts* of *Fruit Trees*, And *Arbours* with *Seats*, set in some Decent Order ; But these to be, by no Meanes, set too thicke ; But to leaue the *Maine Garden*, so as it be not close, but the Aire Open and Free. For as for *Shade*, I would haue you rest, vpon the *Alleys* of the *Side Grounds*, there to walke, if you be Disposed, in the Heat of the Yeare,⁷⁸ or day ; But to make Account,

⁷³ Borders. *Terra elevata*, 'raised ground.'

⁷⁴ Faire. Omitted in the Latin.

⁷⁵ Sparingly. Omitted in the Latin.

⁷⁶ Deceiue. *Succo defraudent*, 'rob of moisture.'

⁷⁷ Faire. *Minime angusta*, 'not narrow.'

⁷⁸ After Of the Yeare. *Vernas, et Autumnales*, 'spring and autumn.'

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that the *Maine Garden*, is for the more Temperate Parts of the yeare; And in the Heat of Summer, for the Morning, and the Euening, or Ouer-cast Dayes.

For *Auiaries*, I like them not, except they be of that Largeness, as they may be *Turfed*, and haue *Liuing Plants*, and *Bushes*, set in them; That the *Birds* may haue more Scope,⁷⁹ and Natural Nestling,⁸⁰ and that no *Foulenesse* appeare, in the *Floare* of the *Auiary*.⁸¹ So I haue made a Platform of a *Princely Garden*, Partly by Precept, Partly by Drawing, not a Modell, but some generall Lines of it;⁸² And in this I haue spared for no Cost. But it is Nothing, for *Great Princes*, that for the most Part, taking Aduice with Workmen,⁸³ with no Lesse Cost,⁸⁴ set their Things together; And sometimes adde *Statua's*, and such Things, for State, and Magnificence, but nothing to the true Pleasure⁸⁵ of a *Garden*.



⁷⁹ Scope. *Liberius volitent, et se per diversa oblectare*, 'fly about freely and enjoy themselves in diuers ways.'

⁸⁰ Naturall Nestling. *Componere*, 'settle.'

⁸¹ This paragraph follows after *Auiary*. *Quantum vero ad Ambulacra in Clivis, et variis Ascensibus amœnis conficienda, illa Naturæ Dona sunt, nec ubique extrui possunt: Nos autem ea posuimus, quæ omni loco conueniunt*, 'as to walks to be made on a slope, and with various pleasing ascents, these are the gifts of nature, and cannot be made everywhere. We, however, have mentioned what suits every place.'

⁸² By Drawing, not a Modell, but some generall Lines of it. *Partim modulo generali, sed minime accurato*, 'partly by a general model but not a detailed one.'

⁸³ Workmen. *Hortulanos*, 'gardeners.'

⁸⁴ Cost. *Sumptu, parum cum Iudicio*, 'cost, with little judgment.'

⁸⁵ Pleasure. *Voluptatem et Amœnitatem*, 'pleasure and delight.'

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57. Of Anger.



TO seeke to extinguish *Anger* vtterly, is but a Brauery of the *Stoickes*. We haue better Oracles: *Be Angry, but Sinne not. Let not the Sunne goe down vpon your Anger.*^a *Anger* must be limited, and confined,¹ both in Race, and in Time. We will first speake, How the Naturall Inclination, and Habit, *To be Angry*, may be attemp.ed, and calmed. Secondly, How the Particular Motions of *Anger*, may be repressed, or at least refrained from doing Mischiefe. Thirdly, How to raise *Anger*, or appease *Anger* in Another.

For the first; There is no other Way, but to Meditate and Ruminat² well, vpon the Effects³ of *Anger*, how it troubles⁴ Mans life. And the best Time, to doe this, is, to looke backe vpon *Anger*, when the Fitt is throughly ouer. *Seneca* faith well; *That Anger is like Ruine, which breakes⁵ it Selfe, vpon that it fall's.*^b The Scripture exhorteth vs; *To possesse our Soules in Patience.*^c Whosoever is out of *Patience*, is out of Possession of his Soule. Men must not turne⁶ *Bees*;

—*Animasque in vulnere ponunt.*^d

Anger is certainly a kinde of Basenesse:⁷ As it appeares well, in the Weaknesse of those Subiects, in

^a Ephes. iv. 26.

^b Seneca. *De Ira*. i. i.

^c Luke. xxi. 19

^d *And lay down their lives in the wound.* Virgil. *Georgics*. iv. 238.

EE. Variations in posthumous Latin Edition of 1638.

¹ Limited, and confined. *Limites Iræ apponendi sunt*, 'limits must be set to anger.'

² Meditate and Ruminat. *Serio in animo revolvat*, 'turn over seriously in your mind.'

³ Effects. *Mala et Calamitates*, 'evils and disasters.'

⁴ Troubles. *Vehementer perturbat, et infestat*, 'violently troubles and attacks.'

⁵ Breakes. *Comminuit et frangit*, 'splits and breaks.'

⁶ Turne. *Imitari*, 'imitate.'

⁷ Basenesse. *Res humilis est, et infra Dignitatem Hominis*, 'is a base thing and beneath the dignity of man.'

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whom it reignes:⁸ Children, Women, Old Folkes, Sicke Folkes. Onely Men must beware,⁹ that they carry their *Anger*, rather with Scorne, then with Feare:¹⁰ So that they may seeme rather, to be aboue the Iniury, then below it: which is a Thing easily done, if a Man will giue Law to himselfe in it.¹¹

For the Second Point; The *Causes* and *Motives* of *Anger*, are chiefly three. First, to be too *Sensible* of *Hurt*: For no Man is *Angry*, that *Feeles* not himselfe Hurt: And therefore Tender and Delicate Persons, must needs be oft *Angry*: They haue so many Things to trouble them; Which more Robust Natures haue little Sense of. The next is, the Apprehension and Construction, of the Iniury offered,¹² to be, in the Circumstances thereof, full of¹³ *Contempt*. For *Contempt*¹⁴ is that which putteth an Edge vpon¹⁵ *Anger*, as much,¹⁶ or more, then the *Hurt* it selfe. And therefore, when Men are Ingenious, in picking out Circumstances of *Contempt*,¹⁷ they doe kindle their *Anger* much. Lastly, Opinion of the Touch of a Mans *Reputation*,¹⁸ doth multiply and sharpen *Anger*. Wherein the Remedy¹⁹ is, that a Man should haue, as

⁸ As it appeares . . . reignes. *Hoc liquebit, si illos intueamur, in quibus Ira regnat: Qui plerumque ex Inferioribus sunt*, 'this will be plain, if we look at those in whom anger reigns, who are generally of the weaker sort.'

⁹ Beware. *Cum irasci contigerit, caveant Homines (si modo Dignitatis suæ velint esse memores)*, 'men must beware, when they happen to be angry, if at least they wish to remember their dignity.'

¹⁰ Feare. *Metu eorum quibus irascuntur*, 'fear of those with whom they are angry.'

¹¹ Giue Law to himselfe in it. *Iram suam, paululum regat, et inflectat*, 'will gradually rule and bend his anger.'

¹² Apprehension and Construction, of the Iniury offered. *Si quis Curiosus et perspicax sit, in Interpretatione Injurie illatæ*, 'if one is particular and sharp-sighted in the interpretation of an injury offered to him.'

¹³ Full of. *Spiraret*, 'breathe.'

¹⁴ Contempt. *Opinio contemptus*, 'opinion of contempt.'

¹⁵ Putteth an Edge vpon. *Excitat et acuit*, 'rouses and sharpens.'

¹⁶ As much. Omitted in the Latin.

¹⁷ In picking out Circumstances of Contempt. *Ad ista*, 'in that.'

¹⁸ Opinion . . . Reputation. *Opinio Contumeliæ, sive quod Existimatio Hominis per consequentiam lædatur et perstringatur*, 'opinion of insult, or that the reputation of the man will be in consequence hurt and dulled.'

¹⁹ Remedy. *Remedium præsentium*, 'present remedy.'

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Confaluo was wont to say, *Telam Honoris crassiore*.^a But in all Refrainings of *Anger*, it is the best Remedy to win Time; And to make a Mans Selfe beleue, that the Opportunity of his Reuenge is not yet come: But that he foresees a Time²⁰ for it; And so to still Himselfe²¹ in the meane Time, and reserue it.²²

To containe *Anger* from *Mischiefe*,²³ though it take hold of a Man, there be two Things, whereof you must haue speciall Caution. The one, of extreme *Bitternesse of Words*; Especially, if they be Aculeate, and Proper;²⁴ For *Communia Maledicta*^b are nothing so much:²⁵ And againe, that in *Anger*, a Man reueale no Secrets: For that makes him not fit for Society. The other, that you doe not *peremptorily breake off*, in any Businesse, in a *Fit of Anger*: But howsoeuer you shew Bitternes,²⁶ do not *Act* any thing, that is not Reuocable.

For *Raising* and *Appeasing Anger* in Another; It is done chiefly, by *Chooosing*²⁷ of *Times*. When Men are frowardest and worst disposed, to incense them.²⁸ Againe, by gathering²⁹ (as was touched before) all that you can finde out, to aggrauate³⁰ the *Contempt*. And the two *Remedies*³¹ are by the *Con-*

^a A thicker web of honour.

^b Common revilings.

²⁰ Foresees a Time. *Sed instare, quasi ad manum, Opportunitatem aliquam maiorem*, 'but that a greater opportunity is just at hand.'

²¹ Himselfe. *Motum animi*, 'the working of his mind.'

²² Reserue it. *Se in Tempus aliud servare*, 'reserve himself for another time.'

²³ Containe Anger from Mischiefe. *Ut citra noxam erumpat*, 'that it may break out without doing mischief.'

²⁴ Aculeate and Proper. *Aculeatorum et ei, quem ferimus, propriorum*, 'stinging and appropriate to him whom we attack.'

²⁵ Are nothing so much. *Mordent minus*, 'bite less.'

²⁶ Shew Bitternes. *Ira frænum laxet*, 'loose the bridle of anger.'

²⁷ Chooosing. *Electionem prudentem*, 'wise choosings.'

²⁸ To incense them. *Tempus est Iram incendendi*, 'is the time to kindle anger.'

²⁹ Gathering. *Ut antea diximus, decerpendo et inculcando*, 'as we have said before by gathering and insisting on.'

³⁰ Aggrauate. *Arguere aut aggravare*, 'prove or aggravate.'

³¹ The two Remedies. *Ira sedatur*, 'anger is calmed.'

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traries. The Former, to take good³² Times, when first to relate to a Man, an *Angry*³³ Businesse: For the first Impression is much; And the other is, to feuer, as much as may be, the Construction of³⁴ the Iniury, from the Point of³⁵ *Contempt*: Imputing it, to Misunderstanding, Feare, Passion,³⁶ or what you will.



³² Good. *Serena, et ad Hilaritatem prona*, 'calm and disposed to cheerfulness.'

³³ Angry. *Ingratum, et ad Iracundiam provocans*, 'unpleasant and provocative of anger.'

³⁴ The Construction of. Omitted in the Latin.

³⁵ The Point of. Omitted in the Latin.

³⁶ Passion. *Animi Concussioni repentina*, 'sudden excitement of the mind.'

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58. Of Vicissitude of Things.



SALOMON saith; *There is no New Thing vpon the Earth.^a* So that as *Plato* had an Imagination; *That all Knowledge was but Remembrance:* So *Salomon* giueth his Sentence; *That all Noueltie is but Obliuion.^b* Whereby you may see, that the Riuer of *Lethe*, runneth as well aboute Ground, as below. There is an abstruse¹ Astrologer that saith; *If it were not, for two things, that are Conflant; (The one is, that the Fixed Starres euer stand at like distance, one from another, and neuer come nearer together, nor goe further asunder; The other, that the Diurnall Motion perpetually keepeth Time:²) No Indiuiduall would last one Moment.* Certain it is, that the *Matter*, is in a Perpetuall Flux, and neuer at a Stay. The great Winding-sheets, that burie all Things in Obliuion, are two; *Deluges*, and *Earth-quakes*. As for *Conflagrations*, and great *Droughts*, they doe not meerely dispeople, and destroy.³ *Phaetons* Carre went but a day.⁴ And the *Three yeares Drought*, in the time of *Elias*, was but Particular, and left People⁵ Aliue. As for the great *Burnings by Lightnings*, which are often in the *West Indies*, they are but narrow.⁶ But in the other two Destructions, by *Deluge*, and *Earth-quake*, it is further to be noted, that the Remnant of People, which hap to be referued, are commonly Ignorant and Mountanous People, that can

^a Eccles. i. 9.

^b *Phædrus*. 72 c. *Menæ*. 81 d.

¹ Abstruse. *Abstrusus, et parum notus*, 'abstruse and little known.'

² Perpetually keepeth Time. *Non variet*. 'does not vary.'

³ And destroy. *Aut destruunt*, 'or destroy.'

⁴ *Phaetons* Carre went but a day. *Fabula Phaetontis, Brevitatem Conflagrationis, ad unius tantum Diei spatium, repræsentavit*, 'the fable of *Phaeton* represented the shortness of a conflagration, lasting only for one day.'

⁵ People. *Multos*, 'many.'

⁶ After Narrow. *Nec magna spatia occupant. Pestilentias etiam prætereo, quia nec illæ totaliter absorbent*, 'nor occupy a great space. Pestilences also I pass over, as they do not totally destroy.'

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giue no Account,⁷ of the Time past: So that the Oblivion is all one, as if none had beene left. If you consider well, of the People of the *West Indies*,⁸ it is very probable, that they are a Newer, or a Younger People, then the People of the Old World. And it is much more likely, that the Destruction, that hath heretofore been there, was not by *Earth-quakes*, (As the *Ægyptian* Priest told *Solon*, concerning the Island of *Atlantis*; *That it was swallowed by an Earth-quake*;) But rather, that it was desolated,⁹ by a Particular *Deluge*. For *Earth-quakes* are seldome in those Parts. But on the other side, they haue such *Powring*¹⁰ *Riuers*, as the *Riuers* of *Asia*, and *Affrick*, and *Europe*, are but Brookes to them. Their *Andes* likewise, or Mountaines, are farre higher, then those with us; Whereby it seemes, that the Remnants of Generation of Men, were, in such a Particular *Deluge*, saued. As for the Obseruation, that *Macciauel* hath, that the *Iealousie*¹¹ of *Señs*, doth much extinguish the Memory of Things;^a Traducing *Gregory* the *Great*, that he did, what in him lay, to extinguish all Heathen Antiquities; I doe not finde, that those Zeales, doe any great Effects, nor last long: As it appeared in the Succession of *Sabinian*, who did reuiue the former Antiquities.¹²

The *Vicissitude* or *Mutations*, in the *Superiour Globe*, are no fit Matter, for this present Argument. It may be, *Plato's* great *Yeare*, if the World should last so long,¹³ would haue some Effect; Not in renew-

^a Macchiavelli. *Discorsi sopra la prima Deca di Tito Livio*. ii. 5.

⁷ Giue no Account. *Memoriam Posteris tradere*, 'hand down the recollection to their descendants.'

⁸ Of the People of the West Indies. *Indorum Occidentalium Conditionem*, 'condition of the West Indians.'

⁹ Desolated. Omitted in the Latin.

¹⁰ Powring. *Inmania et vasta*, 'strong and great.'

¹¹ Iealousie. *Zelotypiam et Emulationem*, 'jealousy and rivalry.'

¹² After Former Antiquities. *Tum vero prohibita, licet Tenebris cooperta, obrepunt tamen, et suas nanciscuntur Periodos*, 'then, indeed, what is forbidden, even if covered in darkness, creeps out and has its time.'

¹³ Last so long. *Nisi Mundus ante Dissolutionem esset destinatus*, 'unless the world is destined to dissolution before that.'

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ing the State of like Indiiduals (for that is the Fume¹⁴ of those, that conceiue the Celestiall Bodies, haue more accurate Influences, vpon these Things below, then indeed they haue) but in grosse.¹⁵ *Comets*, out of question, haue likewise Power and Effect,¹⁶ ouer the Grosse and Masse of Things:¹⁷ But they are rather gazed vpon, and waited vpon in their Iourney, then wisely obserued in their Effects;¹⁸ Specially in their Respectiue Effects; That is, what Kinde of *Comet*, for Magnitude, Colour,¹⁹ Version of the Beames, Placing in the Region of Heauen,²⁰ or Lasting, produceth what Kinde of Effects.

There is a Toy, which I haue heard, and I would not haue it giuen ouer, but waited vpon a little. They say, it is obserued, in the *Low Countries* (I know not in what Part²¹) that Euery Fiue and Thirtie years, The same Kinde and Sute of Years and Weathers, comes about againe: As Great Frosts, Great Wet, Great Droughts, Warme Winters, Summers with little Heat, and the like: And they call it the *Prime*.²² It is a Thing, I doe the rather mention, because computing backwards, I haue found some Concurrence.²³

But to leaue these Points of *Nature*, and to come to *Men*. The greatest *Vicissitude* of Things amongst

¹⁴ Fume. *Fumus et Vanitas*, 'fume and vanity.'

¹⁵ Grosse. *Summis et Massis rerum*, 'the sum and mass of things.'

¹⁶ Haue . . . Power and Effect. *Aliquid operantur*, 'work something.'

¹⁷ After Masse of Things. *Verum Homines, ut nunc est, indiligentes, aut curiosi, circa eos sunt*, 'but men at present are not careful or curious about them.'

¹⁸ But they are rather . . . in their Effects. *Eosque potius mirabundi spectant; Atque Itineraria eorundem conficiunt, quam Effectus eorum prudenter et sobrie notant*, 'and they rather gaze at them with wonder and make records of their path, than wisely and soberly observe their effects.'

¹⁹ Colour. *Coloris et Lucis*, 'colour and light.'

²⁰ After Heauen. *Tempestatis Anni; Semitæ aut Cursus*, 'the season of the year; the path or course.'

²¹ I know not in what Part. Omitted in the Latin.

²² It the Prime. *Huiusmodi Circulum Annorum, Primam*, 'this kind of circle of the years—the prime.'

²³ Concurrence. *Congruentiam; Haud exactam sane, sed non multum discrepantem*, 'concurrence; not really exact, but not very different.'

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Men, is the *Vicissitude* of *Seçts*, and *Religions*. For those Orbs rule in Mens Minds most. The True Religion is built vpon a *Rocke*; The Rest are tost vpon the Waues of Time. To speake therefore, of the *Causes* of New *Seçts*; And to giue some *Counsell* concerning them; As farre, as the Weaknesse of Humane Iudgement, can giue stay²⁴ to so great Reuolutions.

When the *Religion* formerly²⁵ receiued, is rent by Discords; And when the Holinesse of the Professours of *Religion* is decayed, and full of Scandall; And withall the Times be Stupid, Ignorant, and Barbarous; you may doubt²⁶ the Springing vp of a *New Seçt*; If then also there should arise, any Extrauagant and Strange²⁷ Spirit, to make himselfe Authour thereof.²⁸ All which Points held, when *Mahomet* published his *Law*. If a *New Seçt*²⁹ haue not two Properties, feare it not: For it will not spread. The one is, the Supplanting,³⁰ or the opposing, of Authority established: For Nothing is more Popular then that.³¹ The other is, the Giuing Licence³² to Pleasures, and a Voluptuous Life. For as for *Speculatiue Heresies* (such as were in Ancient Times the *Arrians*, and now the *Arminians*) though they worke mightily vpon Mens Wits, yet they doe not produce any great Alterations in States: except it be by the Helpe of Ciuill Occasions. There be three Manner of Plantations of *New Seçts*. By the Power of *Signes*³³ and *Miracles*: By the *Eloquence* and *Wisedome* of *Speech* and *Perswasion*:³⁴ And by

²⁴ Giue stay. *Moras injicere, aut Remedia exhibere*, 'give stay or apply remedies.'

²⁵ Formerly. Omitted in the Latin.

²⁶ Doubt. *Metuendum*, 'fear.'

²⁷ Strange. *Paradoxa spirans*, 'breathing paradoxes.'

²⁸ To make himselfe Author thereof. Omitted in the Latin.

²⁹ New Sect. *Secta nova, licet pullulet*, 'a new sect though it is produced.'

³⁰ Supplanting. Omitted in the Latin.

³¹ Then that. *Quam Principatus, et Politias, conuellere*, 'than to attack sovereignties and governments.'

³² Giuing Licence. *Porta aperta*, 'an open gate.'

³³ Signes. Omitted in the Latin.

³⁴ And Wisedome of Speech and Perswasion. Omitted in the Latin.

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the *Sword*. For *Martyrdomes*, I reckon them amongst *Miracles*; Because they seeme to exceed, the Strength of Human Nature: And I may doe the like of *Superlatiue* and *Admirable Holinesse* of *Life*. Surely, there is no better Way, to stop the Rising of *New Sects*, and *Schismes*; then To reforme Abuses; To compound the smaller Differences; To proceed³⁵ mildly, and not with Sanguinary Persecutions; And rather to take off³⁶ the Principall Authours, by Winning and Aduancing them, then to enrage them by Violence and Bitternesse.

The *Changes* and *Vicissitude* in *Warres* are many: But chiefly in three Things; In the *Seats* or *Stages*³⁷ of the *Warre*; In the *Weapons*; And in the *Manner* of the *Conduēt*.³⁸ *Warres* in ancient Time, seemed more to moue from *East* to *West*: For the *Persians*, *Afsyrians*, *Arabians*, *Tartars*, (which were the Inuaders) were all Easterne People. It is true, the *Gaules* were Westerne; But we reade but of two Incurfions of theirs; The one to *Gallo-Grecia*, the other to *Rome*. But *East* and *West* haue no certaine Points of Heauen: And no more haue the *Warres*, either from the *East*, or *West*, any Certainty of Obseruation. But *North* and *South* are fixed:³⁹ And it hath feldome or neuer been seene, that the farre Southern People haue inuaded the Northern, but contrariwise. Whereby it is manifest, that the *Northern Tract* of the World, is in Nature the more Martiall Region: Be it, in respect of the Stars of that Hemisphere; Or of the great Continents that are vpon the *North*, whereas the *South Part*, for ought that is knowne, is almost all Sea; Or (which is most apparent) of the Cold of the *Northern Parts*, which is that, which without Aid of Discipline,⁴⁰

³⁵ Proceed. *A principio procedere*, 'proceed from the beginning.'

³⁶ Take off. *Mollire atque allicere*, 'soothe and entice.'

³⁷ Or Stages. Omitted in the Latin.

³⁸ Manner of the Conduct. *Disciplina Militari*, 'military training.'

³⁹ Fixed. *Natura fixi*, 'fixed by nature.'

⁴⁰ Without Aid of Discipline. *Absque alia Causa quacunque*, 'without any other cause.'

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doth make the Bodies hardest, and the Courages warmest.⁴¹

Vpon the *Breaking* and *Shiuering* of a great *State*⁴² and *Empire*, you may be sure to haue *Warres*. For great Empires, while they stand, doe enervate and destroy the Forces of the Natiues, which they haue subdued, resting vpon their owne Protecting Forces: And then when they faile also, all goes to ruine, and they become a Prey.⁴³ So was it, in the Decay of the *Roman Empire*; And likewise, in the *Empire* of *Almaigne*, after *Charles* the Great, euery Bird taking a Fether; And were not unlike to befall to *Spaine*, if it should break.⁴⁴ The great *Accessions*⁴⁵ and *Vnions* of *Kingdomes*, doe likewise stirre vp *Warres*. For when a State growes to an Ouer-power, it is like a great Floud,⁴⁶ that will be sure to ouerflow. As it hath been seene, in the States of *Rome*, *Turky*, *Spaine*, and others. Looke when the World hath fewest *Barbarous Peoples*,⁴⁷ but such as commonly will not marry or generate, except they know meanes to liue;⁴⁸ (As it is almost euery where at this day, except *Tartary*) there is no Danger of Inundations⁴⁹ of People: But when there be great *Shoales of People*, which goe on to populate, without foreseeing⁵⁰ Meanes of Life⁵¹ and Sustainment, it is of Necessity, that once in an Age or

⁴¹ After Warmest. *Ut liquet in Populo Araucensi; Qui ad ulteriora Austri positi, omnibus Peruviansibus, Fortitudine longe præcellunt*, 'as is seen in the people of Arauco, who seated at the farthest east, far surpass all the Peruvians in courage.'

⁴² State. Omitted in the Latin.

⁴³ Prey. *Aliis Gentibus in prædam*, 'a prey to other nations.'

⁴⁴ Break. *Viribus decideret*, 'fail in strength.'

⁴⁵ Accessions. *Accessiones Ditionum*, 'accessions of dominion.'

⁴⁶ Great Floud. *Fluvio intumescenti*, 'a swelling flood.'

⁴⁷ After Barbarous Peoples. *Sed Civiliores fere sunt*, 'but are mostly more civilized.'

⁴⁸ Liue. *Familiam alendi, aut saltem Victum parandi*, 'raise a family or at least get food.'

⁴⁹ Inundations. *Inundationibus aut Migrationibus*, 'inundations or migrations.'

⁵⁰ Without foreseeing. *In futurum minime solliciti*, 'not careful for the future.'

⁵¹ Meanes of Life. *Fortunis*, 'fortunes.'

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two, they discharge a Portion of their People vpon other Nations:⁵² Which the ancient *Northern People*, were wont to doe by Lot: Casting Lots, what Part should stay at home, and what should seeke their Fortunes.⁵³ When a *Warre-like State* growes *Soft* and *Effeminate*, they may be sure of a *Warre*.⁵⁴ For commonly such States are growne rich, in the time of their Degenerating; And so the Prey inuiteth, and their Decay in Valour encourageth a Warre.

As for the *Weapons*,⁵⁵ it⁵⁶ hardly falleth vnder Rule and Obseruation: yet we see, euen they haue *Returns* and *Vicissitudes*. For certain it is, that *Ordnance*⁵⁷ was known⁵⁸ in the City of the *Oxidrakes* in *India*; And was that, which the *Macedonians* called⁵⁹ Thunder and Lightning, and Magicke. And it is well knowne, that the vse of *Ordnance*⁶⁰ hath been in *China*, aboue 2000. yeares. The Conditions of *Weapons*, and their Improuement are; First, the Fetching a farre off:⁶¹ For that outruns the Danger:⁶² As it is seene in *Ordnance* and *Muskets*. Secondly, the Strength of the Percussion; wherein likewise *Ordnance* doe exceed all Arietations,⁶³ and ancient Inuentions. The third is, the commodious⁶⁴ vse of them: As that they may

⁵² Discharge . . . nations. *Exonerent, et novas Sedes quarant; et sic alias Nationes invadant*, 'discharge, and seek new settlements, and so invade other nations.'

⁵³ Seeke their Fortunes. *Alio migraret*, 'migrate elsewhere.'

⁵⁴ A Warre. *Gentes alias, ad eosdem invadendos*, 'other nations to invade them.'

⁵⁵ Weapons. *Armorum et Telorum Genus*, 'the kind of arms and missile weapons.'

⁵⁶ It. *Illorum Mutationes*, 'their changes.'

⁵⁷ Ordnance. *Tormenta Ænea*, 'brass ordnance.'

⁵⁸ Known. *Tempore Alexandri Magni, cognita*, 'known in the time of Alexander the Great.'

⁵⁹ Called. *Habita et appellata*, 'considered and called.'

⁶⁰ Ordnance. *Pulveris Pyrii, et Tormentorum igneorum*, 'gunpowder and fire-arms.'

⁶¹ Fetching a farre off. *Ad Distantiam majorem feriant*, 'striking at a greater distance.'

⁶² Danger. *Periculum, ab Hostili parte*, 'danger from the enemy.'

⁶³ Arietations. *Arietationes*. 'battering-rams'

⁶⁴ Commodious. *Commodior et faciliior sit; Id quod etiam Tormentis Igneis Majoribus competit*, 'more commodious and easy; which also belongs to ordnance.'

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ferue in all Wethers ; That the Carriage may be Light and Manageable ; and the like.

For the *Conduct* of the *Warre* : At the first, Men rested extremely vpon *Number* : They did put the Warres likewise vpon *Maine Force*, and *Valour* ; Pointing Dayes⁶⁵ for Pitched Fields, and so trying it out, vpon an euen Match : And they were more ignorant in *Ranging* and *Arraying* their *Battailes*. After they grew to rest vpon *Number*, rather Competent, then Vast : They grew to *Aduantages* of *Place*, *Cunning*, *Diuerfions*, and the like : And they grew more skilful in the *Ordering* of their *Battailes*.

In the *Youth* of a *State*, *Armes* doe flourish : In the *Middle Age* of a *State*, *Learning* ; And then both of them together for a time : In the *Declining Age* of a *State*, *Mechanicall Arts* and *Merchandize*. *Learning* hath his Infancy, when it is but beginning,⁶⁶ and almost Childish : Then his Youth, when it is Luxuriant and Iuuenile ; Then his Strength of yeares, when it is Solide and Reduced : And lastly, his old Age, when it waxeth Dry and Exhaust.⁶⁷ But it is not good, to looke too long, vpon these turning⁶⁸ Wheelles of *Vicissitude*, lest we become Giddy. As for the *Philology* of them,⁶⁹ that is but a Circle of Tales,⁷⁰ and therefore not fit for this Writing.

⁶⁵ Pointing Dayes. *Dies et Loca constituebant*, 'appointing days and places.'

⁶⁶ Beginning. *Leuinsculæ*, 'trifling.'

⁶⁷ After Exhaust. *Manente etiam Garrulitate*, 'the loquaciousness also remaining.'

⁶⁸ Turning. Omitted in the Latin.

⁶⁹ Of them. *Quæ in hoc Argumento, ut plurimum, versatur*, 'which is much used on this subject.'


⁷⁰ Circle of Tales. *Narratiuncularium et Observationum futilium Congeries quædam*, 'a mass of tales and useless observations.'

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A
FRAGMENT OF AN ESSAY,
OF FAME.



He *Poets* make *Fame* a *Monster*. They describe her, in Part, finely, and elegantly; and, in part, grauely, and sententiously. They say, look how many *Feathers* she hath, so many *Eyes* she hath vnderneath: So many Tongues; So many Voyces; She pricks up so many Ears.

This is a *flourish*: There follow excellent *Parables*; As that, she gathereth strength in going; That she goeth upon the ground, and yet hideth her head in the Clouds. That, in the day time, she sitteth in a *Watch Tower*, and flyeth, most, by night: That she mingleth Things done, with things not done: And that she is a Terror to great *Citties*: But that, which passeth all the rest, is: They do recount, that the *Earth*, Mother of the *Gyants*, that made War against *Jupiter*, and were by him destroyed, thereupon, in an anger, brought forth *Fame*: For certain it is, That *Rebels*, figured by the *Gyants*, and *Seditious Fames*, and *Libels*, are but *Brothers*, and *Sisters*; *Masculine*, and *Feminine*. But now, if a Man can tame this *Monster*, and bring her to feed at the hand, and govern her, and with her fly other ravening Fowle, and kill them, it is somewhat worth. But we are infected, with the stile of the *Poets*. To speak now, in a sad, and serious manner: There is not, in all the Politiques, a *Place*, lesse handled, and

more worthy to be handled, then this of *Fame*. We will, therefore, speak of these *points*. What are false *Fames*; And what are true *Fames*; And how they may be best discerned; How *Fames*, may be sown, and raised; How they may be spread, and multiplyed; And how they may be checked, and layed dead. And other Things, concerning the *Nature of Fame*. *Fame*, is of that force, as there is, scarcely, any great Action wherein, it hath not, a great part; Especially, in the *War*. *Mucianus* undid *Vitellius* by a *Fame*, that he scattered; That *Vitellius* had in purpose, to remove the *Legions of Syria*, into *Germany*; And the *Legions of Germany*, into *Syria*: whereupon the *Legions of Syria* were infinitely inflamed. *Julius Cæsar*, took *Pompey* unprovided, and layed asleep his industry, and preparations, by a *Fame* that he cunningly gaue out; How *Cæsars* own Souldiers loved him not; And being wearied with the Wars, and Laden with the spoyles of Gaul, would forsake him, as soon as he came into *Italy*. *Livia*, settled all things, for the Succession, of her Son *Tiberius*, by continuall giving out, that her husband *Augustus*, was upon Recovery, and amendment. And it is an usuall thing, with the *Basshawes*, to conceale the Death of the Great *Turk* from the *Fannizaries*, and men of War, to save the Sacking of *Constantinople*, and other *Towns*, as their Manner is. *Themistocles*, made *Zerxes*, king of *Persia* poast apace out of *Græcia*, by giving out, that the *Græcians*, had a purpose, to break his *Bridge*, of Ships, which he had made athwart *Hellepont*. There be a thousand such like *Examples*; And the more they are, the lesse they need to be repeated; Because a Man, meeteth with them, every where: Therefore, let all Wise *Governors*, have as great a watch, and care, ouer *Fames*, as they have, of the *Actions*, and *Designes* themselves.

The rest was not Finished.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

respecting

LORD BACON AND HIS WRITINGS.

We fairly despair of giving any adequate representation of either the Author or his Works. Some vital contemporary testimony has been adduced at pp. xi.-xxi.; and the few following notes, which are all our space will admit, may be taken simply as a handful of gleanings out of a vast harvest.

1558. Feb. 17. Elizabeth succeeds to the throne.

1560. JAN. 22. Francis Bacon is born at York House.

1576. NOV. 21. Bacon becomes an 'Ancient' of Gray's Inn. *Harl. MS.*

1579. ^{1912.} He becomes a Student of his Inn. *Harl. MS. 1912.*

1582. JUNE 27. He becomes an 'Utter Barrister.' *Harl. MS. 1912.*

1586. He becomes a Benchler of Gray's Inn. *Harleian MS. 1912.*

1588. He is appointed a 'Reader' of his Inn. *Harleian MS. 1912.*

1592. Mr. Spedding edited, in 1870, for his Grace the Duke of Northumberland, '*A Conference of Pleasure*, composed for some festive occasion about the year 1592.' The original title of the partially burnt MS. is *Mr. ffr. Bacon of tribute or giuing that which is due*. 1. The praise of the worthiest vertue [Fortitude]. 2. The praise of the worthiest affection [Love]. 3. The praise of the worthiest power [Knowledge]. 4. The praise of the worthiest person [Queen Elizabeth]. The first two are quite new.

1596. JUNE 2. *Remedies against Discontent, &c.* is registered at Stationers' Hall: see p. ix.

1596. JULY 31. The Earl of Lincoln and suite were away from England on an embassy to the Landgrave of Hesse. An account of the journey was immediately written by one of the suite, Edward Monings, and published in October or November, under the title of *The Landgrave of Hessen, his princelie receiuing of her Maiesties Ambassador*.

[There is a copy in the Grenville Collection, No. 2938.]

OCT. 26. It is thus entered in the Stationers' Register C. fol. 15.

26 OCTOBER.
Robert Robinson Entred for his copie in th[e] and of Mr. Hartwell
and the Wardens a booke intituled The langraue
of Hessen his princelye Receavinge of her maies } vjd
ambassadors.

This work is connected with the Essays, through the following undoubted plagiarism from the Essay on 'Studies,' at pp. 6-10; as yet in MS.

"His education prince-like, generally knowen in all things, and excellent in many, seasoning his graue and mor[e] important studies for ability in iudgment, with studies of pastime for retiring, as in poetrie, musike, and the *Mathematikes*, and for ornament in discourse in the languages, *French, Italian, and English*, wherein he is expert reading much, conferring and writting much he is a full man, a readie man, an exact man, and so excellent a Prince that a man may say of him without flatterie as *Tullie* did of Pompey *vnus in quo summa sunt omnia*, and for my priuate opinion I thinke there are but fewe such men in the world." p. 21.

It was such 'garnishment' as this, that induced Bacon to publish his Essays, as he states in his dedicatory letter to his brother Anthony, see p. 4.

1597. JAN. 30. Date of Bacon's dedication to his brother Anthony, see p. 4.

1597. FEB. 5. The first Edition of the *Essayes* is registered at Stationers' Hall. The entry at the top of fol. 18. of Register C. [1595-1620 A.D.] is as follows.

1596. Anno Reginæ. Eliz. xxxix^o.

5 FEB.

Henry Hooper. Entered for his copie vnder th[e] hands of Mr Fr. }
Bacon Mr D. Stanhope Mr Barlow, and Mr Warden }
Dawson, a booke intituled Essaies Religious Medita- } vj^a
tions, Places of perswasion and disswasion by Mr Fr. }
Bacon.

We haue here given the entry as it stands: because the regnal year corrects the date. The 5th of February in 39. Eliz. was the 5 Feb. 1597: or as it is more technically written 1596/7.

FEB. 7. The *Essayes* thus registered were published immediately.

At the top of the title-page of the Museum copy (C. 21. a) is written *Septimo die Ffebruarii 39. E. R. pretium xx^d*. [The seventh day of February in the 39th of Queen Elizabeth: price Twenty pence.] It is interesting thus to learn from this early purchaser, the price of the first publication of the great English Philosopher.

1600. Bacon is appointed a "Double Reader" of his Inn. *Harl.*

1912.

1600. This year appeared *Essayes* by Sir W. Cornwallis.

1601. There appeared this year, a small book by Robert Johnson, gent. entitled *Essaies, or rather Imperfect Offers*: A work reprinted in 1604, 1621, and 1630.

1603. Mar. 24. James I. succeeds to the English throne.

1603. JULY 23. Bacon is knighted by King James.

1604. AUG. 25. Sir F. Bacon is made King's Counsel.

1605. SEPT. 19. The *Two Bookes of the Proficiencie and Advancement* are thus registered in the Stationers' Register B. [1595-1630] *fol.* 129.

Mr Ockold. "Entered for his copie vnder the hande of my Lo. }
[This work was Byschop of London and the Wardens a booke as- }
well in Latyn as in Englysh called The Second } xij^a
printed for Henry Tomes.] [two] book of frauncis Bacon of the proficiencie and }
advancement of learninge Divine and humane."

This was simply a license to publish it in Latin: into which language it was not as yet translated.

1605. Nov. 7. John Chamberlain informs Dudley Carleton of 'Sir F. Bacon's new book on Learning.' *Orig. in S. P. Office.*

1607. JUNE 25. Sr F. Bacon is made Solicitor General.

1608. This year appeared *Essayes Politicke and Morrall*. by D. T[jewell] gent.

1610. A second part of Sir W. Cornwallis' *Essays* appeared.

1612. OCT. 12. At *fol.* 227 of Stationers' Registers, is the following register in the year 1612. 10 James, of Text V in this Reprint.

12 OCTOBER.

William Hall. Entered for their copy vnder the hande of my Lo. }
John Beale. Bysshopp of London and the Wardens a book called } vj^a
The Essays of Sr. ffr. Bacon Knight the Kings Sollici- }
tor Generall.

For this edition, he wrote the dedication on *p.* 158 to Prince Henry: but on

1612. Nov. 3. Prince Henry died.

Nov. Bacon then wrote a fresh dedication to his brother-in-law

Sir John Constable, see *p.* 420, beginning thus—"My last

Essaies I dedicated to my deare brother Master *Anthony Bacon*." It is therefore clear that he himself looked on this edition, as a

second and revised Text.

1612. DEC. 17. Nicolas Chamberlain writing on this day to Sir Dudley Carleton says, 'Sir Francis Bacon hath set out new *Essays*, where, in a chapter of *Deformity*, the world takes notice that he paints out his little cousin [Robert Cecil, Earl of Salisbury] to the life.' *Court and Times of James I. i. 214. Ed.* 1848.

1613. OCT. 27. Sir F. Bacon is made Attorney General.
 1615. Nicholas Breton published his *Characters upon Essays Morrell and Divine*, and dedicates them to Sir Francis Bacon.
 1616. JUNE 9. Sir F. Bacon is made a Privy Councillor.
 1617. MAR. 3. Sir F. Bacon is promoted to be Lord Keeper.
 1619. JAN. 4. Sir F. Bacon is made Lord Chancellor.
 JULY 11. Sir F. Bacon is made Baron Verulam.
 1620. Bacon publishes his great work *Instauratio Magna*.

The geniuses laughed at it, and men of talent and acquirement, whose studies had narrowed their minds into particular channels, incapable of understanding its reasonings, and appreciating its originality, turned wits for the purpose of ridiculing the new publication of the philosophic Lord Chancellor. Dr. Andrews, a forgotten wit of those days, perpetrated a vile pun upon the town and title of St Alban's, by saying, some doggerel verses that it was on the high road to *Dunce table*, i.e. Dunstable, and therefore appropriate to the author of such a book. Mr. Secretary Cuffe said it was 'a book which a fool could have written, and a wise man would not.' King James declared it was like the Peace of God—'it passeth all understanding.' Coke wrote, under a device on the title page, of a ship passing through the pillars of Hercules

"It deserveth not to be read in schools
 But to be freighted in the ship of fools."

[? Authority.] —Quoted by A. S. Allibone. *Crit. Dict.* i. 91. Ed. 1859.

1621. JAN. 22. Lord Verulam is created Viscount St Alban.

His patent was drawn in the most flattering terms, and the Prince of Wales signed it as a witness. The ceremony of investiture was performed with great state at Theobalds, and Buckingham condescended to be one of the chief actors. *Lord Macaulay. Ed. Rev. No. 132, p. 48. July 1837.*

1621. MAY 3. He is sentenced by the House of Lords.

1623. MAR. 23. Bacon writing at this day to Conway, the Secretary of State, thus finishes his letter, which is now in the State Paper Office.

"I was looking over some short papers of mine touching usury, how to grind the teeth of it, and yet to make it grind to his Majesty's mill in good sort, without discontent or perturbation: if you think good I will perfect it, as I send it to his Majesty as some fruits of my leisure. But yet I would not have it come from me, not from any tenderness in the thing, but because I know well in the courts of princes it is usual *non res, sed displicet Auctor*. Fr. St. Alban." Quoted by Mr Dixon in *Personal History of Lord Bacon*, p. 296. Ed. 1861.

About this time then, Bacon wrote the Essay on *Usury*, see pp. 541-6.

1625. [1624. Dec. 15] Bacon published *The translation of Certain Psalmes into English verse*. 4to. It is thus dedicated:

To his very good friend, Mr George Herbert.

The paines, that it pleased you to take, about some of my Writings, I cannot forget; which did put mee in minde, to dedicate to you, this poore Exercise of my sicknesse. Besides, it being my manner for Dedications, to choose those that I hold most fit for the Argument, I thought in respect of Divinitie and Poesie, met, (whereof the one is the Matter, the other the Stile of this little Writing) I could not make better choice. So, with signification of my Loue and Acknowledgement I euer rest.

Your affectionate Friend, FR. ST ALBAN.

1625. [1624. Dec.] There appeared this year, Lord Bacon's *Apophthegmes New and Old* with the following preface.

"*Julius Caesar*, did write a *Collection of Apophthegmes*, as appeares in an *Epistle of Cicero*. I need say no more, for the worth, of a Writing, of that nature. It is pitie his Booke is lost: for I imagine, they were collected, with Iudgement, and Choice: whereas that of *Plutarch*, and *Stobæus*, and much more, the *Moderne* ones, draw much of the dregs. Certainly, they are of excellent vse. They are, *Micrones Verborum, Pointed Speeches*. *Cicero* prettily calls them, *Salinas, Salt pits*; that you may extract salt out of, and sprinkle it, where you will. They serue, to be interlaced, in continued Speech.

They serue, to be recited, vpon occasion of themselves. They serue, if you take out the kernell of them, and make them your owne. I haue, for my recreation, in my sicknesse, fann'd the Old; Not omitting any, because they are vulgar; (for many vulgar ones are excellent good:) Nor for the meannesse of the Person; but because they are dull, and flat: And added many New, that otherwise would haue died."

1625. MAR. 13. The final English edition of the Essays was thus registered on fol. 97 of the Stationers Register, D. [1620-1645] on 13 Mar. 1624, 22 James I. [*i.e.* 13 Mar. 1625].

Mr. Whitacre. Entered for their copie vnder the hande of the Lo. Hanna Barrett. B. of London and Mr. Iohnes warden The Essayes and Counsell morrall and Civill of Francis lo. Verulam } *vj*^d
vicount st. Alban.

Two title pages are found to this Edition. The first corresponding to the above entry. *The Essayes or Counsels, civill and morall, of Francis Lo. Verulam, Viscount St. Alban. New enlarged. London, Printed by Iohn Haviland for Hanna Barret, and Richard Whitaker, and are to be sold at the signe of the Kings head in Paul's Church-yard. 1625.*

On a copy with this title in Cambridge Univ. Library (xvii. 36. 14.) Mr. W. A. Wright states is the memorandum *fo: Finch 30^o Martij. 1625 ex dono Authoris.* From which it is clear that the final English edition was issued between 13-30 March 1625. The second title page is reprinted at p. 497: the first in Mr Wright's Edition.

1625. MAR. The dedication on p. 498 was clearly written in the reign of James.

1625. MAR. 27. Charles I. became King.

1626. Apr. 9 (Easter Sunday). Lord St. Alban dies.

1644. [*i.e.* 1645] On this day appeared in London: *Memorials of Godlinesse and Christianitie. Part I. Of making Religion one's Businesse.* This was written by the Rev. Herbert Palmer, B.D. [*b.* 1601] at this time President of Queen's College, Cambridge, [which office he held till his death on 13. August 1647.]

1645. [JULY 24.] There appeared a 12 paged surreptitious tract entitled, *The Character of a Believing Christian. Set forth in Paradoxes and seeming Contradictions.* There is a copy in the British Museum [Press mark E. 1182.].

1645. JULY 25. The next day is the date of Mr Palmer's *Address To the Christian Reader* in Part II of the *Memorials, &c.* in which occurs the following passage.

"There is offered thee a second part of *Memorials of Godlinesse and Christianity*: smal indeed for bulk but more sutable for that to the title and the lesse burthensome to thee. Withall I must needs say, I meant thee somewhat more: but whilst (in the midst of many employments) I was getting it ready, a strange hand was liked to haue robbed me of the greatest part of this, by putting to the presse (unknown to me) an imperfect copy of the Paradoxes. This made me hasten to tender a true one, and to content myself for the present with the addition of the other lesser pieces, which here accompany them."

1647. AUG. 13. Rev. H. Palmer, B.D. died.

1648. In this year was published *Remaines, being Essayes and several Letters of Lord Bacon*: of unknown and almost valueless Editorship; in which *The Paradoxes* of Herbert Palmer appear as a writing of Lord Bacon: and as such, have been repeated in many later editions of his Works. It is to Rev. A. B. Grosart in his privately printed '*Lord Bacon, not the author of The Christian Paradoxes,*' 1865, that we are indebted to the rectification of this 'two-century-old literary error, if not fraud.'



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